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1 Peter 1:3-9

MAIN IDEA:

We can become ALIVE with hope in Jesus.

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2. LOOK FORWARD.

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3. RELY ON GOD.

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