

Violent Hope

Easter 2016

“In God’s great mercy he has caused us to be born again into a living hope, because Jesus Christ rose from the dead.”

1 Peter 1:3 (NCV)

The Violent Hope of Easter can...

(Romans 8)

...free me from the chains of my past.

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.” vs. 1-2 (NIV)

...give me the power to change.

“God declared an end to sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.” vs. 3b (NLT)

“If people’s thinking is controlled by the sinful self, there is death. But if their thinking is controlled by the Spirit, there is life and peace.” vs. 6 (NCV)

...transform my problems for God’s purposes.

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” vs. 28 (NIV)

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” vs. 37 (NIV)

...provide security for my future.

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” vs. 38-39 (NIV)