

Easter – Mission Accomplished

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Because of this, everything has changed. We have a living hope and an inheritance that we cannot lose. This means we can rejoice even when we face suffering and trials. We can give ourselves wholeheartedly to serving God in this hope.

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