

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.”

JEREMIAH 17:7 NIV

5 REASONS You Can Have Hope

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You can go about 40 days without food, three days without water, and maybe a minute or two without air. But you cannot exist without hope.

Everybody needs a reason to hope. Not a phony, false reason—but a real reason. **Here are five unshakable truths from 1 Peter that will give you a real reason to hope:**

1 God chose you before you chose him.

“You were chosen according to the purpose of God the Father and were made a holy people by his Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be purified by his blood” (1 Peter 1:2 GNT).

2 God always treats you with mercy.

“All honor to God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God’s own family” (1 Peter 1:3 TLB).

3 God has secured your future.

“Now we live in the hope of eternal life because Christ rose again from the dead. And God has reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay” (1 Peter 1:3–4 TLB).

4 God’s power will protect you.

“Through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see” (1 Peter 1:5 NLT).

5 God is preparing you for eternity.

“There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold” (1 Peter 1:6–7 NLT).

