

1 Peter 1:3-7

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

"Hope flows like lava beneath the crust of daily life." – Philip Yancey

"Hope literally heals the structures of your brain." – Dr. Norman Doidge

"...those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength..." – Isaiah 40:31

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him..." – Romans 15:13

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure..." – Hebrews 6:19

➤ **God establishes our hope through Christ.**

1 Peter 1:3

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hope = elpis (Greek) = confident expectation in God and His promises

"...like faith, hope is not so much in an object or in an expected outcome as it is in a Person. We don't have faith in faith, that's silly; we have faith in God. We trust because there is God. So it is with hope—this begins not with regenerating some hope that your marriage will improve or your children will get better or that a job will come or a friend will call. What we begin with is putting our hope *in God*. There is a reason to hope because there is God. Don't start with outcomes; start with God." – John Eldredge

➤ **God secures our hope through inheritance.**

1 Peter 1:4-5

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perish = apthartos (Greek) = incorruptible, unchangeable

Isaiah 25:3-4

3 The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered. The Lord has spoken this word. 4 The earth dries up and withers...



Jeremiah 2:7

I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce.

But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

The land may wither. The estate may fade.

But the inheritance of the Resurrected Christ is kept in heaven for you!

➤ **God refines our hope through trials.**

1 Peter 1:6-7

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