



HOPE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE Ist Peter 1 Pastor Mike Prah

"Even a tree has more hope! If it is cut down, it will sprout again and grow new branches." Job 14:7, (NLT)

"May our <u>Lord Jesus Christ</u> himself and <u>God our Father</u>, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and GOOD HOPE" 2 Thessalonians 2:16 (NIV)

"Those who <u>hope in the Lord</u> will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

WE CAN HAVE DEEP-ROOTED HOPE, BECAUSE:

1. GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU FOR A DIVINE PURPOSE

"You were <u>chosen</u> according to the <u>purpose</u> of God the <u>Father</u> and were <u>made a holy people</u> by His Spirit to obey Jesus Christ and be purified by His blood" 1 Peter 1:2 (GN)

2. GOD ALWAYS TREATS ME WITH MERCY!

"All honor to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is <u>his boundless mercy</u> that God has given us the <u>privilege</u> of being born again ... Now <u>we live in the hope of eternal life</u>"

1 Peter 1:3a (LB)

"Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most." (Hebrews 4:16 NLT)

3. GOD'S POWER WILL PROTECT ME

"And God, in <u>His mighty power</u>, will protect you until you receive this salvation, because you are trusting him." 1 Peter 1:5 (NLT)

'Those who trust in the LORD are as secure as Mount Zion; they will not be defeated but will endure forever" Psalm 125:1 (NLT)

"Surrender your heart to God, turn to Him in prayer, and give up your sins— even those you do in secret.. Then you won't be ashamed; you will be confident and fearless. Your troubles will go away like water beneath a bridge, and your darkest night will be brighter than noon. You will rest safe and secure, filled with hope and emptied of worry. You will sleep without fear and be greatly respected. (Job 11:13-19, CEV)