

Unshakeable Hope

¹³But we should always be thanking God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning [or “as the firstfruits”] so you would be saved, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and belief in the truth, ¹⁴to which He called you through our gospel, so you would obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵So then, brothers, keep standing firm and holding tight to the traditions you were taught, whether by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who set His love on us and by grace gave us everlasting encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and establish you in every good work and word. ■

■ THANKSGIVING (for God’s salvation)

■ EXHORTATION (to do your part)

■ INTERCESSION (for God’s ongoing help)

FOUR REASONS FOR THE HOPE THAT MAKES YOU STAND FIRM

1Peter 3:15-15: “a reason for the hope that’s in you”

- 1 God chose to love me even though I don’t deserve it
- 2 God is helping me grow stronger even through these hard times
- 3 God brought eternal truth to me that changed how I think about everything
- 4 God has a future for me that vastly exceeds what I’m going through right now

YOUR FOCUS in order to stand firm in hope? SCRIPTURE!

MAIN POINT: If you know what’s coming in this evil world, you have to find some hope; there’s just one place to get real hope, and that’s Jesus.