

Text: **1 Peter 1**

Words included in **Covid 19 virus** conversations:

- unprecedented
- challenging
- infected
- frustration
- ventilator
- stimulus
- testing

Words emphasized to Believers:

- Faith
- Trust
- Rest
- Peace
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Hope is something that is common to the very existence of life.

1 Peter 1:3 *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”*

- **1 Peter** was written in a time that the early church was starting to feel the pressure of persecution. (see **1 Peter 1:1**)
- Peter speaks of suffering and trials- **13 times** and he emphasizes that *submission* should be the Christian's response. (see **1 Peter 1:6**)
- Peter is telling believers to not focus on the struggle but face the HOPE that we have because Jesus died on the cross for us and rose from the dead.

“Tears are the same for Muslim, Jews, Christians or Atheists.”

Have you ever felt like the struggles of this life were going to crush you?

Instruction:

1 Peter 5:6-7 *“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”*

First - God is not absent in your problem.

Second - God cares for you.

It is appropriate to pray and ask God for His help.

Who is Peter to speak on Hope?

See **Matthew 28**

- If you ever fall or fail, remember that there's forgiveness before God.
- Jesus forgave Peter and later used him in an incredible way. (read [Acts 2](#))

Other biblical stories of Hope:

- The woman that was caught in adultery see **John 8**
 - o The Hope is that even if you're caught in a serious sin and at a time of public shame and humiliation, there is room for forgiveness, even for the worst of sins.

"No sin is ever greater than the Savior."

- Gideon & 300 soldiers see **Judges 6-7**
 - o With God, all things are possible (**Matt 19:26**)
 - o Don't ever lose hope, even if the odds look exceedingly hopeless.

First - The **Source** of Hope is **the Word of God**

- **Ps. 119:81** *"My soul faints for Your salvation, But I hope in Your word."*
- **Ps. 119:114** *You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.*
- **Ps. 119:105** *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."*

SECOND - The **Savior** of HOPE is **Jesus Christ**

- **Ps. 39:7** *"And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You.*
- **1 Timothy 1:1** *"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;*