
STAND FIRM

A STUDY IN 1 PETER



“To live without hope is to cease to live.”

Fyodor Dostoevsky

“Hope is oxygen for the soul.”

Oz Guinness

A dramatic photograph of a lighthouse standing amidst a stormy sea. The lighthouse is a dark, cylindrical structure with a lantern room at the top. Large, white-capped waves are crashing against its base, creating a massive spray of water. The sky is a deep, dark blue, and the overall atmosphere is one of intense power and resilience.

Certain Hope
in
Uncertain Times

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1 Peter 1:13

Hope is a confident, certain
expectation in God's promises.

desire and expectancy =
something you **desire** to happen
something you **expect** to happen

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Gird up the loins of your mind

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Think rationally, have clear judgment

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Holiness comes from Hope

As obedient children do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, “Be holy, because I am holy”.

1 Peter 1:14-16

Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within...

Romans 12:1 (J.B. Phillips)

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.

Romans 12:1 (The Message)

Holy =

“to sever”

“to cut or to separate”

“to set apart.”

...but be holy in every
department of your lives, for
the one who has called you is
himself holy.

1 Peter 1:15-16 (Phillips)

“This life with Christ as an
endless hope without him it's
a hopeless end”

