

THISTLEBEND PRECIOUS HOPE INTRODUCCION -- 022826

Reflect on where you are placing your hope and how you respond under pressure. Pray for growth in holiness, greater attentiveness of mind and heart, and the ability to live out His purpose more fully. A suggested prayer is provided, asking the Lord to grant you grace to see from His perspective, respond rightly under pressure, and walk according to His purpose.

PRAYER

Father God, I praise and thank you for your love in the gospel 1 Peter 1:3-5 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

I confess that all of my hope is not in Christ and my eternal inheritance. I confess, that all of my hope is not in what *He* thinks of me and in living according to *His* purpose for me. And I do not fully believe that He is in control.

Where do you place your hope? Write your confessions below:

What trips you up?

Please help me Lord. I know that you care for those who fear you, for you know my frame and you know I'm dust, I need your help and I want your help. Father, I thank you for Peter and I thank you for Jesus. I thank you for the gospel, and for this epistle. Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit, help us see where I have placed my hope. Grant me a holy perspective, may I see the Precious Hope I have in you Lord Jesus, so when I am under pressure, when I am tempted, when I am tried and tested that I would be able to proclaim the glories of the precious hope I have been given. May I believe and keep my hope set in you Lord, that others might see and fear and know that you are God. I pray this in Jesus' name and for his sake, Amen.