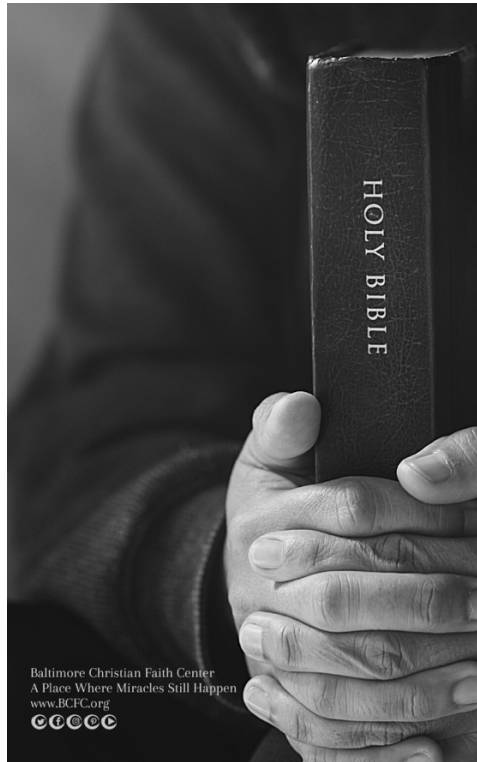


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1Peter 1:3 *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"*

Certain studies show that the intensity of our hope rises or falls on how reliable we perceive our expectations. The reasons we believe our expectation of being dependable is therefore determining whether we will be excited about a matter or not.

Ours is an existing HOPE because our Lord Jesus and the Father are alive. They exercise sovereign control with absolutely no deceit. Because our hope is grounded, revealed, maintained, and led by God, we can apprehend that *"all things work together for good for those who are the called and love God"* (Romans 8:28). Our hope, in turn, should not be brief wishes or dreams based on wishy-washy emotion but the **SOLID** realness of God and His Word. Our hope springs from a limitless Source, and therefore no trial should ever dampen our confidence for future happiness. Hope is our answer to His work in us displayed in trust, endurance, patience, and eagerness to go on.

The central theme of 1Peter is to strengthen the feeble knees, just as its stated in *Hebrews 12:12* “*Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,*” of those in Christ buckling under the weight of their Christian trials. At the beginning of this strong appeal, he reminds them of their hope in our God.

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At His service,
Pr. Teddy Santos