



AN UNSHAKABLE HOPE HOPE FLOWS FROM HOLY LIVING | 1 PETER 1:13–25 Pastor Mark Owens

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Holiness is not about becoming a better version of yourself; it is about becoming more like the God who saved you.

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Peter says Christ was “foreknown before the foundation of the world...”

- **This was not God's backup plan.**
- **The cross was not an accident.**
- **Before the foundation of the world, God had already established the plan of redemption.**

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If your hope is built on temporary things, your life will always feel unstable.

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