

➤ *I don't fit in here. I don't belong here, because I belong to God, because I have been chosen by Him.*

THE GOSPEL GIVES HOPE

Four Reasons the Gospel Gives Hope.

1. because I am _____ by God. 3-5

• Matthew 28:6

He gave me a living hope.

He gave me an inheritance

This is a reason for hope.

First of all, the doctrine of election is the most humbling truth in all of Scripture. For believers it is most sobering to realize they had absolutely nothing to do with God's choice of them. ... Second, election is a God-exalting, worship-enhancing doctrine because it gives all the glory to Him. Election makes it clear that the sinner's faith, repentance, and ability to obey God come from Him ... A third advantage of election is that it produces ultimate joy. Those whom God chooses rejoice because they know they would have no hope for salvation apart from His electing grace. ~John MacArthur

2. because _____ prove my faith. 6-7

My faith is genuine.

My faith is being refined.

• 2 Corinthians 4:17, Hebrews 12:11 ESV



3. because I always have reasons to

_____. 6-7

Trials are temporary.

➤ *I can rejoice because trials are only temporary, not eternal.*

Trials are purposeful.

God uses troubles to humble believers, wean them away from worldly things and point them toward heaven, teach them to value God's blessing as opposed to life's pain, enable them to help, chasten them for their sins, and to help strengthen spiritual character. ~John MacArthur

➤ *I can rejoice because trials are not arbitrary; they always have purpose.*

I have a personal relationship with Jesus.

4. because I have experienced what others

_____ and _____ for. 10-12

Prophets

Angels

I have been chosen by Him, so I do not fit in or belong here, but because of the _____ and the hope it gives, I can stand firm.

