

WHAT IS OUR HOPE?

Hebrews 11:1

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Definition: Desire with expectation of obtaining what is desired or belief that it is obtainable.

Living Bible: Faith is the title deed to what you are believing God for.
(Hoped)

Hope is faith that is focused.

HYMN: p 390, 91 My Hope is Built.

Job 1:22

²² In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

Job 7:6

⁶ "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
And are spent without hope.

Job 14:19

¹⁹ As water wears away stones,
And as torrents wash away the soil of the earth;
So You destroy the hope of man.

Job 17:15

¹⁵ Where then *is* my hope?
As for my hope, who can see it?

Job 19:10

¹⁰ He breaks me down on every side,
And I am gone;
My hope He has uprooted like a tree.

Job 19: 23-27

²³ "Oh, that my words were written!
Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!

24 That they were engraved on a rock
With an iron pen and lead, forever!

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And He shall stand at last on the earth;

26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,
That in my flesh I shall see God,

27 Whom I shall see for myself,
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

Psalms 71:5-6

⁵ For You are my hope, O Lord GOD;
You are my trust from my youth.

⁶ By You I have been upheld from birth;
You are He who took me out of my mother's womb.
My praise *shall be* continually of You.

Psalms 119:147

¹⁴⁷ I rise before the dawning of the morning,
And cry for help;
I hope in Your word.

Hopeless: State of despair, having no expectation of a favorable outcome.

Acts 24:15

"I have hope in God...that there will be a resurrection of the dead both of the just and the unjust"

Romans 5:1-5

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have^[a] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 8: 24-25

²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

Colossians 1: 27 Christ in you, the hope of glory.

I Thessalonians 4:13

¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

Titus 2:13

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

I Peter 1:3

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,

I Peter 3: 15-17 (Worship Him)

¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God^[a] in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷ For *it is* better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

I John 3:1-3

¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!^[a] Therefore the world does not know us,^[b] because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
(you should want to live Holy)

Conclusion

What are you believing God for today?

- Your Salvation?
- Your Healing?
- A financial breakthrough?
- A job?
- The saving of your household?

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A Prelude

Communication

Everyone Dose It
Few Connect

Illustration: My experience at Home Depot

3 questions most audiences are asking

- (1) Do you care about me?
- (2) Can you Help Me?
- (3) Can I Trust you?