

“The Hope of Christmas”

Selected Scriptures

Intro: I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the Hope of His calling. Eph. 1:18a

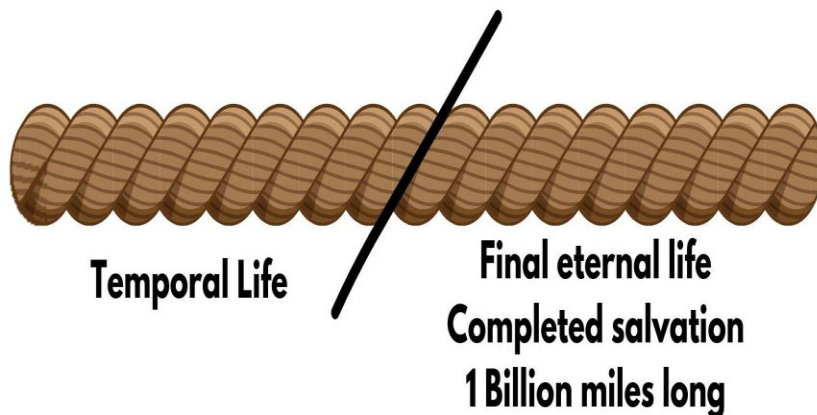
Hope is called the anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6:19), because it gives stability to the Christian life. But hope is not simply a “wish” (I wish that such-and-such would take place); rather, it is that which latches on to the certainty of the promises of the future that God has made.

R.C. Sproul

- He came that we might have hope
Eph. 2:11-13; 3:6; 1 Tim. 1:1; John 10:10
Matt. 25:34; Titus 1:2; 3:7; 1 John 3:2-3

Hope for the Christian is a confident expectation of a guaranteed result.

Paul Tripp



- Living Hope—persevering Hope
1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 Thess. 5:8
Romans 8:23-25; 1 Thess. 1:3
2 Thess. 1:4; Romans 8:28-30
1 Peter 3:15

Hope is not defined by the absence of hardship. Rather, hope is found in God’s grace in the midst of hardship. Hope is found in His promise to give us a future. God offers hope to Christians when He promises, “I am persuaded that not even death or life, angels or rulers, things present or things to come, hostile powers, height or depth, or any other created thing will have the power to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!” (Rom. 8:38-39).

Dan Wickert

Close:

Titus 2:11-13
2 Thess. 2:13-17
1 Peter 1:13

