

Heb 11:1 - ...faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Rom 4:18–21 - 18 In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE." 19 Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; 20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. 22 Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

HOPE IN A HOPELESS WORLD

Selected Scriptures

Three facts about genuine hope...

I. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PERSON OF GOD

A person must have...

A. A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

1 Pet 1:3 - ...God...according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

1 Tim 1:1 - ...Christ Jesus...is our hope...

Three facts about genuine hope...

I. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PERSON OF GOD

A. A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

B. AN ACCURATE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

- ***God Is Infinitely WISE***

Psa 147:5 - ...His understanding is infinite.

Prov 3:5 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

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A. *A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD*

B. *AN ACCURATE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD*

- *God Is Infinitely WISE*
- *God Is Infinitely TRUSTWORTHY*

*Heb 6:18 – (since) it is impossible for God to lie,
we...have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope
set before us.*

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- *God Is Infinitely LOVING*

Deut 23:5 - ... the Lord your God loves you.

Rom 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Eph 1:4-5 – 4 ... In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will...

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- *God Is Infinitely LOVING*

Heb 12:6 - For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.”

1 John 4:8 - ...God is love.

Rom 5:5 that hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts...

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- *God Is Infinitely POWERFUL*

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- *God Is Infinitely IMMUTABLE*

Psa 102:27 - ...You are the same, and Your years will not come to an end.

- I. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PERSON OF GOD
- II. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PROMISES OF GOD

A. PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT

- The promise of SALVATION

Rom 10:9 - If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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A. PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT

- The promise of SALVATION
- The promise of ETERNAL SECURITY

Eph 1:13-14 - 13... you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance...

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A. PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT

- The promise of SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Rom 8:29 - For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son...

Phil 1:6 - For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

II. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PROMISES OF GOD

A. *PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT*

- The promise of SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

Eph 1:3 - ... God ...has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ...

pleasure.

II. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PROMISES OF GOD

A. *PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT*

- The promise of God's **ONGOING PRESENCE**

Psa 23:4 - Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me...

Matt 28:20 - ... I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

II. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PROMISES OF GOD

A. *PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT*

- The promise of God's GOODNESS

Psa 34:8 - O taste and see that the LORD is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Nahum 1:7 - The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble...

II. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PROMISES OF GOD

A. *PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT*

- The promise of God's PROTECTION

1 Cor 10:13 - ... God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able...

2 Cor 1:10 - (The Lord) ... will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us...

II. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PROMISES OF GOD

A. *PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT*

- The promise of God's PROVISION

Matt 6:26 - Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

Matt 6:33 - But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

2 Cor 9:8 - ...God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

A. PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT

- **The promise of God's GUIDANCE**

Psa 32:8 - I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go...

Psa 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Prov 3:6 - In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Isa 58:11 - ...the LORD will continually guide you...

James 1:5 - But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. without reproach, and it will be given to him.

A. PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT

- **The promise of God's STRENGTH**

Psa 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Isa 41:10 - ... Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you,

A. PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT

- **The promise of God's PEACE**

Isa 26:3 - The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You.

John 14:27 - ... My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you...

Phil 4:6–7 - 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A. PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT

B. PROMISES RELATED TO THE FUTURE

- **The promise of CHRIST'S RETURN**

1 Thes 4:16 - For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God...

Titus 2:13 – (we are) looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus...

A. PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT

B. PROMISES RELATED TO THE FUTURE

- The promise of **RESURRECTION**

1 Cor 15:22 - For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive...

1 Thes 4:16 - For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout ... and the dead in Christ will rise first.

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- The promise of GLORIFICATION

Rom 8:30 - and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

1 John 3:2 - ...We know that when He appears, we will be like Him...

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- The promise of ETERNAL LIFE

John 3:16 - ...whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

1 Pet 1:3–4 - 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

A. PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT

B. PROMISES RELATED TO THE FUTURE

- **The promise of HEAVENLY REWARD**

Eph 6:8 - knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord...

A. PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT

B. PROMISES RELATED TO THE FUTURE

- The promise of **ETERNAL REST**

Heb 4:9 - So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

Rev 14:13 - Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord...so that they may rest from their labors...

A. PROMISES RELATED TO THE PRESENT

B. PROMISES RELATED TO THE FUTURE

- **The promise of a NEW HEAVEN & EARTH**

2 Pet 3:13 - But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Rev 21:1 - Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away...

Psa 119:90 - Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations...

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- II. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PROMISES OF GOD
- III. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

Isa 46:10 – (God declares) the end from the beginning...Saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure'...

Psa 33:11 - The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation.

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- III. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

A. GOD'S PLAN RESULTS IN HIS GLORY

Isa 43:7 - Everyone...I have created for My glory,

III. HOPE IS RELATED TO THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

A. GOD'S PLAN RESULTS IN HIS GLORY

B. GOD'S PLAN RESULTS IN OUR GOOD

Rom 8:28 - And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Heb 12:10 - ... He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

James 1:2-3 – 2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

Ecc 3:11 - He has made everything appropriate in its time...

Psa 27:14 - Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.

CHARLES ALLEN – *When you say a situation or a person is hopeless, you're slamming the door in the face of God.*

JOHN CALVIN – *Let us also remember that the condition of us all is the same with that of Abraham. All things around us are in opposition to the promises of God: He promises immortality; we are surrounded with mortality and corruption: He declares that He counts us just; we are covered with sins: He testifies that He is propitious and kind to us; outward judgments threaten His wrath...(so) we must with closed eyes pass by ourselves and all things connected with us, that nothing may hinder or prevent us from believing that God is true.*

Results of biblical hope...

- **Hope brings HAPPINESS**

Psa 146:5 - How blessed (or 'happy') is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

- **Hope provides COMFORT**

2 Thes 2:16-17 – 16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, 17 comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

Results of biblical hope...

- **Hope prompts COURAGE**

2 Cor 3:12 - Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in our speech,

- **Hope motivates HOLINESS**

1 John 3:3 - And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Results of biblical hope...

- **Hope produces LOVE**

Col 1:4-5 - 4... we heard of... the love which you have for all the saints; 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven...

Psa 27:14 - Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Heb 10:23 - Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

Heb 6:19 put it – This hope we have (is) an anchor of the soul...