

Hope for the Hopeless

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"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD." — [Psalm 31:24](#)

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." — [Romans 15:13](#)

Biblical hope is not wishful thinking — it is **confident expectation**. Today we examine three areas where we desperately need it.

I. HOPE IN TIME OF [DOUBT](#) — vv. 13-19

Hope is the single greatest difference between those who try and those who give up. It is the fuel the human heart runs on.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." — [Romans 8:28](#)

II. HOPE IN TIME OF [DESPAIR](#) — v. 20

"...all hope that we should be saved was then taken away." — [Acts 27:20](#)

"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." — [Job 13:15](#)

How do we cope with despair? Hope — hope in the glory of God.

"...we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." — [Romans 5:3-5](#)

God is committed to developing our character rather than our comfort.

III. HOPE IN TIME OF [DEATH](#)

"That at that time ye were without Christ... having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." — [Ephesians 2:12-13](#)

Hope is not a blind hunch. Hope is not a fairy tale. Hope is not for everyone — it is **only for those who have been saved by the blood of Christ**.

"He came to seek and to save that which was lost." — [Luke 19:10](#)

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." — [1 Peter 3:18](#)

— *Is There Hope for the Hopeless?* —

Yes. And it is found in Jesus.

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