

CHRISTIAN HOPE

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1 Peter 3: 15

¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for **the hope that is in you**, yet with gentleness and reverence;

Definition of Hope

The **modern idea of hope** is “to wish for, to expect, but without certainty of the fulfillment; to desire very much, but with no real assurance of getting your desire.”

In Scripture - hope is an indication of certainty and it means a strong and confident expectation.

In modern terms - hope is to **trust and desire a confident expectation.**

Definition of Hope

OT

1. God is the ultimate hope of Israel

Jeremiah 17: 13

¹³ O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You will be put to shame. Those who turn away on earth will be written down, Because they have forsaken the fountain of living water, even the LORD.

Definition of Hope

2. His mercy and grace are the cornerstones of the hope of the faithful.

Psalm 33: 18 – 22

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His lovingkindness,

19 To deliver their soul from death And to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart rejoices in Him, Because we trust in His holy name.

22 Let Your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, According as we have hoped in You.

Definition of Hope

3. He gives the righteous hope.

Psalm 119: 47 – 49

⁴⁷ **I shall delight in Your commandments,
Which I love.**

⁴⁸ And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments, Which I love; And **I will meditate on Your statutes.**

⁴⁹ Remember the word to Your servant, In which **You have made me hope.**

Definition of Hope

OT false hope

1. Any who desert the Lord, the hope of Israel, will be put to shame at the Judgment

Jeremiah 17: 13

¹³ O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You will be put to shame. Those who turn away on earth will be written down, Because they have forsaken the fountain of living water, even the LORD.

2. The hope of the godless perishes.

Proverbs 10: 28

²⁸ The hope of the righteous is gladness, But the expectation of the wicked perishes.

Definition of Hope

OT - Jeremiah proclaims that God is the hope of Israel

Jeremiah 14: 22

²² Are there any among the idols of the nations who give rain? Or can the heavens grant showers? Is it not You, O LORD our God?

Therefore **we hope in You,** For You are the one who has done all these things.

Definition of Hope

NT – Paul states that we should put our hope

1. In God

1 Timothy 4: 10

¹⁰ For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.

2. In Christ

Ephesians 1: 12

¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

3. Jesus is our Hope

1 Timothy 1: 1

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope,

What does Christian Hope depends on

1. Hope depends on knowing the Word of God.

Romans 15: 4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that **through perseverance** and **the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.**

Colossians 1: 5 - 6 because of the **hope laid up for you in heaven,** of which **you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel,** 6 which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth;

2. Hope depends on knowing and resting in God's Grace.

2 Thessalonians 2: 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,**

What does Christian Hope depends on

3. Hope depends on the Spirit Filled life.

Romans 15: 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 1: 13 Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

What does Christian Hope depends on

4. If you are without Christ, you are without God and without hope.

Ephesians 2: 12 ...remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

1 Timothy 1: 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope;

Rewards & Blessings of Hope

1. Hope is a living hope

1 Peter 1: 3 - 5

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,

⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 14

Rewards & Blessings of Hope

2. In Hope there is salvation and perseverance

Romans 8: 24 - 25

²⁴ For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he *already* sees?

²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Rewards & Blessings of Hope

3. Hope of the promises

Acts 26: 6

⁶ "And now I am standing trial for the **hope of the promise made by God to our fathers;**

Gen 12: 1 – 4

Rewards & Blessings of Hope

3. Hope fills us joy and peace and abounds by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15: 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5: 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

4. Hope gives us protection in Gods lovingkindness.

Psalms 33: 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
On those who hope for His lovingkindness,

Rewards & Blessings of Hope

5. Hope gives us strength, courage, boldness.

Psalm 31: 24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, All you who hope in the LORD.

6. Hope gives us confidence in ministry.

1 Timothy 4: 10 For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.

Rewards & Blessings of Hope

7. Hope is seeking righteousness. and the hope of His calling.

Galatians 5: 5

⁵ For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness.

Rewards & Blessings of Hope

8. Hope is seeking eternal life.

Titus 1: 1 - 3

¹ Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

² **in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,**

³ but at the proper time manifested, *even* His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior,

Rewards & Blessings of Hope

9. Hope is seeking eternal life (according to God's mercy and justified by His grace).

Titus 3: 4 - 7

⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared,

⁵ **He saved us**, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but **according to His mercy**, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

⁶ whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

⁷ **so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.**

Rewards & Blessings of Hope

10. Hope is looking for the appearing of the glory of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Titus 2: 11 - 14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

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

¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Rewards & Blessings of Hope

11. Our hope is laid up in heaven (our salvation).

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13. Jesus is our Hope.

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In Conclusion Christian Hope

1. The New Testament Hope recognizes that in Christ is found the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises.

Matthew 12: 21

²¹ "AND IN HIS NAME THE GENTILES WILL HOPE."

1 Peter 1: 3

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,

In Conclusion Christian Hope

2. The Christian hope is rooted in faith in the divine salvation in Christ .

Galatians 5: 5

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3. Hope of Christians is brought into being through the presence of the promised Holy Spirit.

Romans 8: 24 - 25

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25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

In Conclusion Christian Hope

4. Hope is the redemption of the body and of the whole creation.

Romans 8: 23 - 25

²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.**

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In Conclusion Christian Hope

5. Hope is eternal glory.

Colossians 1: 27

²⁷ to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

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