

Hope

Romans 8:18-25

What is Hope?

- Dictionary.com - To look forward to with desire and reasonable confidence.
- Strong's – *elpis*: Joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation.

What is Hope?

Romans 8:24-25 - Hope involves two key elements:

- something not seen
- patience to obtain it

What it's Not

- Desire alone – Ferrari, one million dollars, etc.
- Expectation alone – Get sick, pay high taxes, etc.

Hope is Based On

- Promise – Genesis 3:15; Deuteronomy 18:15; 2 Samuel 7:12-17; Jeremiah 31:31; Isaiah 53
- Resurrection from the dead – Romans 3:23; Romans 5:3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Hope is a result of saving Faith

Hebrews 11:1 –

- “Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.” (ASV)
- “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (KJV)

Hope Is an Anchor

Hebrews 6:19- "which we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and entering into that which is within the veil ..."

Hope Has an End

1 Corinthians 13

- That which is part will be done away.
- Faith and Hope will disappear.

Hope Is...

- Raised from the dead – 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- Conformed to His image - 1 John 3:2
- Spend eternity in God's presence – John 14:3
- Obtain heaven and all its glory – Colossians 1:5

Do you have hope?