

Elevate Christian Church

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What Hope Isn't

Hope is not "I hope my team wins the Super Bowl" or "I hope I get a raise."

Biblical hope is not a hope-so but it is a know-so.

It isn't wishing for the best. It isn't waiting to see what happens and hope that it turns out well.

Biblical Hope is not a feeling or an emotion. Biblical Hope is the knowledge of facts. Knowing that because Jesus Lives- Hope lives!

Hope leads to Joy-

Romans 12:12 NIV

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Hope Leads to Boldness-

2 Corinthians 3:12 NIV

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

Hope Leads to faith and love

Colossians 1:4-5 NIV

because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel

Hope Lead to Purification.

1 John 3:3 NIV

All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

To have a biblical hope is to have a sure anchor of the soul...

Hebrews 6:19 NIV

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,

Working definition: Hope is a confident expectation of a better tomorrow.

Romans 15:13 NIV

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 24:13-14 NIV

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

Luke 24:15-16 NIV

As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

Luke 24:17-20 NIV

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their

faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;

Luke 24:21-27 NIV

but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Luke 24:30-35 NIV

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

OUR HOPE LIVES IN GOD ALONE!!

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