

Christian Character

The Excellence of Hope



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Hope gives believers confidence and reassurance in this present life. It also reassures them of the reality of eternal life, allowing us to face death with confidence.



Romans 5:3–5 ESV

³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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I. HOPE REASSURES BELIEVERS IN THIS PRESENT LIFE

A. HOPE REASSURES BELIEVERS IN THEIR FAITH - HEBREWS 3:6

See also Eph 1:18–19; Heb 7:18–22; Heb 10:23

B. HOPE ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS - PSALM 31:2

See also Is 40:31; Is 49:23

C. HOPE ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS TO REJOICE - ROMANS 12:12

See also Ro 5:1–2

D. HOPE ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS TO LOOK FOR RESTORATION - PSALM 37:9

See also Je 14:8; Je 31:17; La 3:29–31; Ho 2:15; Zec 9:12

II. HOPE ENABLES BELIEVERS TO FACE THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE

A. HOPE ASSURES BELIEVERS OF AN ETERNAL DIMENSION TO LIFE - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19

B. HOPE ENABLES BELIEVERS TO FACE DEATH WITH CONFIDENCE - PSALM 16:9-10

See also Job 19:25–27; Ps 33:18; 1 Co 6:14; 2 Co 4:10–14; Php 1:3–6; Re 1:17–18

C. HOPE ASSURES BELIEVERS OF THEIR ETERNAL LIFE - TITUS 1:1-2

See also Ac 2:26–27; Ro 8:23–25; Tt 1:1–2; Tt 3:7; 1 Pe 1:3

D. HOPE ENABLES BELIEVERS TO FACE THE COMING WRATH WITH CONFIDENCE - 1 THESSALONIANS 1:10

E. HOPE ASSURES BELIEVERS OF THEIR HEAVENLY INHERITANCE - 1 PETER 1:3-5

See also Eph 1:18

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GOD'S INVITATION AND PLAN OF SALVATION

HEAR - ROMANS 10:17

BELIEVE AND CONFESS - ROMANS 10:9-10

REPENT - LUKE 13:3

BE BAPTIZED - ROMANS 6:3-4

REMAIN FAITHFUL - REVELATION 2:10

New to the Faith

- Pursue a First Principles class (see our Elders)

Have you fallen away from Faith?

- Pursue Being Restored (see our Preachers)

My Decision Today

- I would like to be baptized today
- I would like to renew my life to Christ
- I would like to learn more about Jesus and the Bible

Questions: What are my next steps?

- Come forward to be baptized
- Request a Bible Study to learn more
- Attend Bible Class to grow and mature
- Find a place to serve others
- Apply today's lesson to my life