



**HOPE**

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...because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

1 Timothy 4:10

# THE ASSURANCE OF OUR HOPE

## HOPE

A favorable and confident expectation or trust.

It is the happy anticipation of something good.

It has to do with the unseen future

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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;*

1 PETER 3:15

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ONE HOPE

EPHESIANS 4:4

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling*

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One Hope

Confidence and trust in God

In the unseen reward

## Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

## Hebrews 11:1

“Now **faith** is the assurance of things **hoped for**, the conviction of things not seen.”

## 2 Corinthians 4:18

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Therefore, prepare 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.

**1 Peter 1:13**

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<sup>3</sup> 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,  
<sup>4</sup> to *obtain* an inheritance  
*which is* imperishable  
and undefiled  
and will not fade away,  
reserved in heaven for you,  
<sup>5</sup> who are protected by the power of God  
through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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A. The source for our hope does not lie in us  
and it's a good thing it does not...

(Romans 3:23, 1 John 1:8)

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for all have sinned and fall short of  
the glory of God,

### 1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we  
are deceiving ourselves and the  
truth is not in us.

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6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

8. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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### Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

<sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

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C. And God's Mercy is available when we repent of and confess our sins.

(Acts 2:38)

### Acts 2:38

Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;

### 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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- *If Christ is not risen, our faith is vain!*
- *If Christ is not risen, we are still held guilty for our sins, no forgiveness has occurred!*
- *If Christ is not risen, those who died as Christians are lost!*
- *If Christ has not risen, then we do not have a “living” hope and should be pitied!*

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B. But we believe Jesus has been raised and we have reasons to believe!

1. We have eye witness testimony. Many saw Him after the resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:3-11

He appeared Peter and the apostles.

He appeared to 500

He appeared to James

He appeared to Paul



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2. Also. John wrote of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. John 21:25

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And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.

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C. By our faith in His resurrection, we are "born again" to a living hope! John 11:25

### John 11:25

I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die

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**A. It's Imperishable – 1 Corinthians 15:50,52**

### 1 Corinthians 15:50,52

Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>52</sup>for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

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  - B. It's undefiled - Revelation 21:27

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and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it,

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### 2 Peter 3:13

But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

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  - D. It is Reserved in Heaven - John 14:1-3

### John 14:1-3

Let not your hearts be troubled;  
believe in God, believe also in me.

2) In my Father's house are many  
rooms; if it were not so, would I  
have told you that I go to prepare a  
place for you?

3) And when I go and prepare a  
place for you, I will come again and  
will take you to myself, that where I  
am you may be also.



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A. We have help for God Himself, who knows how to help those in temptation. 1 Corinthians 10:13.

### **1 Corinthians 10:13**

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

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B. He supplies us with Armor. Ephesians 6:10-13

### **Ephesians 6:10-13**

He supplies the armor necessary to stand firm against evil. His truth, His righteousness; His gospel; His word...

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**First, the Power of God.**

**Secondly, it's our own faith.**

**Revelation 2:10**

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Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

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