

“Love Hopes Love Trusts!”

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“Love always hopes. Love always trusts.” 1 Cor. 13:7

Hope – **wait for; desire with expectation**

I. What false hopes do people trust?

“Anyone who is among the living has **hope**—even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!” Ecc. 9:4

“Where then is my **hope**— who can see any **hope** for me?” [Job 17:15](#)

1. **Religion**

“Should not your piety be your confidence and your blameless ways your **hope**?” [Job 4:6](#)

2. **Money**

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their **hope** in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their **hope** in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” 1 Tim. 6:17

3. **Possessions**

“A horse is a vain **hope** for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.” [Ps. 33:17](#)

4. **Intellect**

“Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more **hope** for a fool than for them.” [Prov. 26:12](#)

5. **Work**

“Those who work with combed flax will despair, the weavers of fine linen will lose **hope**.” [Is. 19:9](#)

6. **Government**

“**Hopes** placed in mortals die with them; all the promise of their power comes to nothing.” [Prov. 11:7](#)

“Such is the destiny of all who forget God; so perishes the **hope** of the godless.” [Job 8:13](#)

II. Hope in God is the one true hope!

“But now, Lord, what do I look for? My **hope** is in you.” [Ps. 39:7](#)

1. Because God’s **Word** is true.

“A faith and knowledge resting on the **hope** of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time...” [Titus 1:2](#)

2. Because Jesus **rose from the dead**.

*“Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and **hope** are in God.” [1 Peter 1:21](#)*

3. Because God raised Jesus and Jesus is in you, you will also **rise from the dead**.

*“So that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the **hope** of eternal life.” [Titus 3:7](#)*

*“If only for this life we have **hope** in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” 1 Cor. 15:19*

III. Hope for today while we wait expectantly for eternity.

*“To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the **hope** of glory.” Col. 1:27*

1. Hope in God will make your **life stable**.

*“We have this **hope** as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” [Heb. 6:19](#)*

2. Hope in God will cure **discouragement**.

*“Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your **hope** in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.” [Ps. 42:5](#)*

3. Hope in God will **refresh** your soul.

*“But those who **hope** in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” [Is. 40:31](#)*

4. Hope in God will help you to **endure** the hard times.

*“Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no **hope**.” 1 Thess. 4:13*

*“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.” Rom. 15:13*

Discussion Starters for your Groups InCommon this Week

1. Why is hope so important for people and for a culture?
2. Have you ever felt hopeless? Why? What did you do to revive hope?
3. What scriptures arouse hope in you?
4. What people in your life arouse hope in you?