

The Liberating Power of Hope

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"Hope deferred makes the heart sick..." Proverbs 13:12 (NLT)

"And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in you." Psalm 39:7 (NLT)

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13 (NLT)

Façades of Hope:

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Biblical Hope:

The _____ that God is willing and able _____ that He has made to you.

1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) – *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you..."*

Hebrews 6:18-19 (CEV) – *"Now his promises should greatly encourage us to take hold of the hope that is right in front of us. This hope is like a firm and steady anchor for our souls."*

Pillars of Biblical Hope

We can have hope because:

1. We are _____.

Lamentations 3:21-24 (NLT) – *"Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, 'The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!'"*

Romans 5:1-2 (NIV) – *"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God."*

2. We are _____.

2 Corinthians 5:8-9 (TLB) – *"And we are not afraid but are quite content to die, for then we will be at home with the Lord. So our aim is to please him always in everything we do, whether we are here in this body or away from this body and with him in heaven."*

Matthew 5:14 (NLT) – *"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden."*

1 Peter 3:15 (NLT) – *"If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it."*

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