

HOPE

Everybody needs hope to live. When a person loses hope, it's a quick fall into depression. So, many people create false senses of hope. To endure what many endure in life... hope must be something more certain than wishful thinking.

That leads us to Christian hope. In the Bible, hope is no longer a *passion for the* _____; it becomes a *passion for the* _____."

Eccl. 1:14; Hebrews 2:1; 6:19-20; 11:1;
"...less we drift away from it."

If _____ begins the journey... then _____ ends the journey.

Our Anchor of HOPE is "_____." Rom 8:38-39

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Three things to think about:

Hope in Christ gives us...

1. a different place to _____.
Heb. 12:1-2
2. a different way to _____.
Col. 3:2
3. a different life to _____.
Ps.31:24

This whole concept of hope really boils down to two major beliefs, and the reason most people don't have sustainable hope is because they either:

1. don't believe in the _____ of the future, or
2. they don't believe in the _____ making the promise.

What I will do with this message: _____

Ecclesiastes 1:14 (NLT)

¹⁴ I observed everything going on under the sun, and really, it is all meaningless—like chasing the wind.

Hebrews 2:1 (NLT)

² So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.

Hebrews 6:19-20 (NLT)

¹⁹ This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. ²⁰ Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 12:1-2(NLT)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

Colossians 3:2 (NLT)

² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

Psalms 31:24 (NLT)

²⁴ So be strong and courageous,
all you who put your hope in the Lord!