

Hope Is Here!

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And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:17, 20 (NIV)

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Hope gives us _____

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.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

Hope gives us the _____

We had great burdens there that were beyond our own strength. We even gave up hope of living. Truly, in our own hearts we believed we would die. But this happened so we would not trust in ourselves but in God.

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NCV)

Hope gives us permission to _____

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

Psalms 62:5-6 (NIV)

Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1 John 3:3 (NIV)

How do I have hope?

1. By Practicing _____

But if we must keep trusting God for something that hasn't happened yet, it teaches us to wait patiently and confidently.

Romans 8:25 (TLB)

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:4 (NIV)

2. By Pursuing The _____

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)

3. By Understanding The _____

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.

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

“Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who hope in Me will not be disappointed.”

Isaiah 49:23 (NIV)

But I have hope when I think of this: The LORD'S love never ends; his mercies never stop.

Lamentations 3:21-22 (NCV)