

- Jesus in our Hope
- The words of two godly men: "...yet in my flesh shall I see God..." and "...to die is gain..."

God's Word is full of hope! The word "hope" is found 130 times in the KJV Bible. Having someone to place our hope in, and something to hope for, is important to each of us. Let's begin our study by examining the important role hope plays in our daily lives.

**Question #1:** (A) First, list those people in your life whom you place your hope in. They would be those people whom you believe you can count on to be there for you when you need them:

(B) Second, list those things that you hope for in your life:

**Question #2:** Consider those people that you place your hope in and those things that you hope for in your life. Can you be 100% certain that those people will actually do what they promised? Can you be 100% sure that something you hope for will actually happen? Why or why not?

**Question #3:** Each passage of scripture listed below tells us something about biblical hope. Give it some thought, then describe what you have learned about biblical hope. Then consider how it applies to you.

- A. Read Jeremiah 17:7-8

**Question #3 continued**

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B. Read Romans 8:24-25

C. Read Colossians 1:23

D. Read 1Thessalonians 4:13-14 and Titus 2:13

E. Read 2Thessalonians 2:16

F. Read Titus 1:2

G. Read 1Timothy 1:1

**Question #4:** In what ways do the following scriptures assure us of our biblical hope?

A. Read Numbers 23:19

B. Read Psalms 92:15

C. Read Romans 3:4

D. Read Hebrew 6:18

**Question #5:** Read Job chapters 1-2 for context; then read Job 19:25-27. Job 19:25-27 is the passage for question #5. In this passage Job describes his hope in detail. This shows he not only understood his future hope, but that he had complete confidence in it. Consider what Job has said about his hope, then describe in as much detail as possible his hope that sustained him in his sufferings.

Note: Remember Job is part of believing Israel whose future is ruling and reigning with Jesus on earth (See Zechariah 14:9; Luke 1:31-33). This is different from the believers in the Body of Christ whose future is reigning with Jesus in the heavenlies (Ephesians 1:3, 2:6-7, 3:9-10, 15; Colossians 1:5, 3:2). Today believers are saved by believing by faith in the gospel of grace and are placed into the Body of Christ. (1Corinthians 12:13, 27; 15:1-4; Colossians 2:12-14).

Job 19:25-27

Now, describe in as much detail as possible Job's hope that sustained him in his sufferings:

**Question #6:** A. Read 2Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:21-23.

A. What was Paul's hope that sustained him in his sufferings? Remember, Paul's hope is also our hope in our sufferings!

B. Read Psalm 119:114. What helps the psalmist?

C. When Paul wrote 2Timothy he was nearing the end of his life. It is with this in mind that Paul writes to Timothy, his son in the faith. Read 2Timothy 4:6-17 and pay particular attention to verses 16-17. In these verses Paul describes what happened when he was first tried before Nero in Rome. Answer these two questions:

(1) Who abandoned Paul in his time of need?

(2) Who stood with him and made him strong?

Question for further thought: As with Paul, who will stand with you and make you strong in your time of need?

D. Read 2Timothy 1:12. How certain was Paul that he would be resurrected unto eternal life with Christ?

**Question #7:** Read 2Corinthians 5:1-8; Colossians 1:5; 1Thessalonians 4:15-18. Also consider what we learn about the pre-tribulation rapture from 1Thessalonians 5:9-11; Romans 5:9. How do these passages of scripture describe your hope that will sustain you in your sufferings?

**Question #8:** Read again 1Timothy 1:1. Who is our Hope?

Now take this opportunity to write your personal prayer of thanks to God for the hope that He gives you.