



Hope for Everyone

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A definition of hope

American Heritage Dictionary: A desire supported by some confidence of its fulfillment.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things **hoped** for, the evidence of things not seen.

Our greatest hope

Colossians 1:3-5, 21-23, 27

3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; 5 because of the **hope** which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, ...21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight-- 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the **hope of the gospel** which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister... 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, **the hope of glory**.

Hope for deliverance

Psalm 71:3-5

3 Be my strong refuge, To which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, For You are my rock and my fortress. 4 **Deliver me**, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. 5 For **You are my hope**, O Lord GOD; You are my trust from my youth.

How to increase hope

Romans 15:4, 13

4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope... 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Romans 5:1-5

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

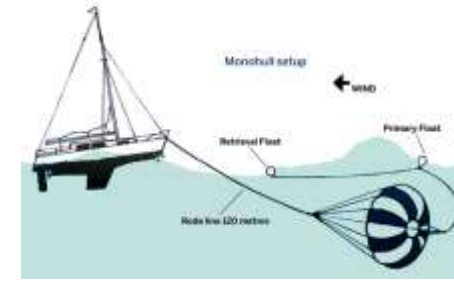
Hope gives strength

Romans 8:18, 24-25, 28

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us... 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance... 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.



Hope gives strength



Hebrews 6:10-12

10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same **diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end**, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience **inherit the promises**.

Hebrews 6:13-20

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. 17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to **lay hold of the hope set before us**. 19 This hope we have as an **anchor** of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, 20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even **Jesus, having become High Priest** forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hope gives strength

Psalm 31:23-24

23 Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints! For the LORD preserves the faithful, And fully repays the proud person. 24 Be of good courage, And **He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the LORD.**

1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and **as a helmet the hope of salvation.** 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Hope causes us to want to do right

1 John 3:1-4

1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And **everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself**, just as He is pure. 4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

Hope helps us look forward to the future

Titus 3:4-7

4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become **heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**



Acts 24:14-15

14 But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. 15 I have **hope** in God, which they themselves also accept, **that there will be a resurrection of the dead,** both of the just and the unjust.

Hope helps us look forward to the future

Ezekiel 37:1-8

1 The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. 3 And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." 4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. 6 I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD." ' " 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

Hope helps us look forward to the future

Ezekiel 37:9-14

9 Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ' " 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. 11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13 Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. 14 I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD.' "

We must give hope

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and **always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you**, with meekness and fear;

Revelation 7:9-10

9 After these things I looked, and behold, **a great multitude which no one could number**, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"