

HOPE

WHY YOU SHOULD HAVE IT

The Hope of Heaven

1 Peter 1:3-4

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...an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.

Statistics on Death

- Every hour 6,305 people die.
- Many unexpectedly.
- Every year more than 6,000 are killed while crossing the street.

Know for certain:

1. God would watch over Kate & Family.
2. The moment I closed my eyes in death, I would re-open them in the presence of God.

**If there's ever a time when
we need hope,
it's when we face death.**

Job 14:14

If someone dies, will they live again?

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

John 11:25

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die.

3 great things

**The Hope of Heaven
gives us as Christians**

1. The Hope of Heaven Establishes our Value

- The existence of Heaven proves that we matter greatly to God.
- God wants to spend eternity with us, His children.
- Doesn't that tell you something about how much you are worth?

**Thankfully,
the Bible reveals to us
that God is not like that!**

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is long-suffering **[extraordinarily patient]** with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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- Bring many sons & daughters to glory.

2. The Hope of Heaven Intensifies our Courage

- Helps make us more courageous.

Romans 8:18

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

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- No matter what happened to him here in this life, he knew that Heaven was waiting.
- And that knowledge gave him incredible courage.
- In light of eternity, that is highly insignificant.

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- When you know exactly where you will end up, the journey there can be a fun-filled adventure.

1 Corinthians 2:9

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.

C.S. Lewis

We are sometimes like a foolish child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum, because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea.

Things that man has created

- Peanut Buster Parfait
- Space Shuttle
- Notre Dame Cathedral
- iPhones
- Poblano Bacon Hamburgers

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God

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- Unlimited resources
- Total creativity

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- Establishes our value
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Ecclesiastes 3:11

God has set eternity in the hearts of men.

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this world can satisfy,**

the most probable explanation is that **I was made for another
world.**

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