

The Necessity of Hope

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The pessimist sees _____ and failure. They have seen life and it has taught them one major lesson:

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. – Ecclesiastes 1:2

If the world is a __ w __ s _____ it and a __ w __ s _____ is all there is, we must conclude the pessimist is wise.

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. . . If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. – I Corinthians 15:14;19

And if we are honest . . .

We _____ things worth hoping for with things of this world.

We _____ in strength and wealth, connections.(Isaiah 31:1; Psalm 20:7)

Our hope becomes _____. We believe we will be happy when. . . And if we are honest we find out it's not true.

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Some say that hope is needed because we can't _____ in living without hope.

Some say hope is needed because it is the _____ of all positive change.

Some say hope is needed because we are _____ wired to hope.

It isn't faith without hope

There is no real _____ without _____.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we

understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. – Hebrews 11:1-3

We will only _____ God by hoping in Him, having faith that He is who He says He is, and He will do as He has declared for me.

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek Him. – Hebrews 11:6

Hope redeems the suffering

We have _____ with God through faith, and we can rejoice in suffering because of _____ in God's glory.

Therefore since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. – Romans 5:1-5 (cf. 8:24-25)

Hope purifies

_____ is a pointless endeavor if there is not hope you can change.

Knowing what you will _____ and wanting it will purify you in your daily life.

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared, but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. – I John 3:2-3

Concluding Notes
