

Hope: Now & Forever

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Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

- **The “hope” we have in God and his promises is not a “hope” we wish will happen, it is a guaranteed certainty.**

Hope-Past

Isaiah 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

Isaiah 9:6 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.*

Hope-Future

Isaiah 25: 6 *On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines.*

1. **We will celebrate God bringing us through life and death!**

7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

2. **We will have the fellowship our hearts crave!**

8 he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

3. **We will be freed from the consequences of sin!**

9 In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

4. **Our faith in Christ will be vindicated and validated forever!**

Hope-Present

- **We can endure without despair.**
- **We can have patience with imperfect fellowship.**
- **Shame need not define us.**
- **We can boldly represent our Lord.**