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What Is HOPE?

# HOPE defined:

- Oxford Dictionary
  - a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen

# HOPE defined:

- Webster's Dictionary
  - to cherish a desire with anticipation
  - to want something to happen or be true

## Christian HOPE defined:

- a profound and confident expectation of the fulfillment of God's promises
- goes beyond wishful thinking or optimism rooted in worldly circumstances

## **Christian** HOPE defined:

- anchored in FAITH and TRUST
- acknowledges that, regardless of present challenges, God is in control, and His ultimate plan is one of restoration, redemption, and eternal glory

**Hebrews 6:18–20 (NLT) — “So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie.**

Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. **19 This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.** It leads us through the curtain into God’s inner sanctuary. **20** Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.”



**Romans 15:13 (NIV)** - "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."

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)** - "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

**1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)** - "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 through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

**There are a LOT of  
HURTING people in the  
world.**

**John 16:33 (NLT)** — “I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

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What Makes People HOPELESS?

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1. **Sin & Separation from God**

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Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV) — “But **your iniquities have separated you from your God**; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”

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Hosea 4:6 (NKJV) — “My people are destroyed **for lack of knowledge...**”

# What Makes People Hopeless?

1. Sin & Separation from God
2. Worldly Troubles & Suffering
3. Not Knowing God's Promises
4. **Relying Only on Human Strength**

**Jeremiah 17:5 (NLT)** — “This is what the LORD says:  
‘Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans,  
**who rely on human strength and turn their hearts  
away from the LORD.’”**

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CONCLUSION...

**Christian HOPE stands in stark contrast to the despair caused by sin, worldly troubles, ignorance, and misplaced trust.**

# Bring Hope to the Hopeless by:

1. **Sharing Scripture Verses**

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**Psalm 34:18 (NLT)** — “The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.”

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)** — “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the LORD. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.’”

**Romans 15:13 (NLT)** — “I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

# Bring Hope to the Hopeless by:

1. Sharing Scripture Verses
2. Pray With and For Them
3. Provide Practical Support
4. Encourage Fellowship
5. **Share Personal Testimonies**

# Bring Hope to the Hopeless by:

6. Demonstrate Compassion

7. Model Christ's Love

8. Promote Positive Media

9. Offer Spiritual Guidance

**10. Remind Them of God's Promises**

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