



HOPE

1. Definition

- expectation of evil = fear
- expectation of good = hope
- in the Christian sense, joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation
- Hope and faith work together
- Hope is the expectation and faith brings that expectation into the NOW – Heb 11:1
- Hope is an anchor of our soul – Heb 6:18-19

2. Our different kinds of hope

- Helps the believer to be satisfied with the temporary (momentary) and fleeting joys of this life - Heb. 13:14
- Provides the stimulus (urge) to live a pure life - 1 Jn. 1: 2-3
- Enables cheerful suffering - Rom. 5:3-5
- We can be patient because we are confident - Rom.8: 25
- We can be joyous - Heb. 3:6
- We can rejoice even in suffering - Rom.5: 4; Acts 16:19-25
- We can endure because of hope in Christ's glorious return -1 Thess. 1:3: 1 Tit. 2:13
- We can rest perfectly secure in the knowledge of Christ and in his promise to come back for us. We have an anchor -Heb. 6:19

3. Hope ignites the following in believers

- Instil the grace of patience.
- Alleviate the natural tendency to worry.
- Stimulate sobriety.
- Comfort the bereaved.
- Encourage a godly walk.
- Motivate brotherly love.
- Create a sense of urgency in the believer to be busy about the Lord's work.

4. Summary

Hope is our anchor