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If you look at the world, you'll be distressed.

If you look within, you'll be depressed.

If you look at God you'll be at rest.

— Corrie Ten Boom

*And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
(1Co 13:13)*

*Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,
(Col 1:4-5)*

*Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,
(1Th 1:3)*

*But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.
(1Th 5:8)*

Seven Questions - using the term ^{mostly} hope for the answers

- 1.) What is hope
- 2.) Who is it from
- 3.) To whom is it available
- 4.) How do we get it.
- 5.) What is the character
- 6.) What does it do
- 7.) Because of it - what do we do

Hope

What is it?

G1680 *el-pece'* a primary word (to *anticipate*, usually with pleasure); *expectation* (abstract or concrete) or *confidence*:

Col_1:27 Christ in you, the hope **of glory**. (The revelation of the mystery)

Act_23:6 the hope and **resurrection of the dead**

(Paul before the Phairasees abd Saducees) before we read his epistles, this...

1Pe_1:3 **a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead,

Col_1:5 hope of the **truth of the gospel**,

Col_1:23 the **hope of the gospel** (re: reconcillation)

Elect VI Past
truth after Godliness VI Present
Hope of eternal Life VI Future

③ Tit_1:2 in hope of **eternal life** (God promised before the world began)

Tit_3:7 the hope of **eternal life**. (Being justified by grace we have become heirs)

② 1Th_1:3 hope **in our Lord Jesus Christ** (in the sight of God our Father) Faith Hope Love

① Eph_1:18 what is the hope of **His calling**, (one of Pauls Prayers)

Rom_5:2 hope of the **glory of God**.

Colossians 3:4 - with him we shall appear.

Tit_2:13 hope and **glorious appearing** of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

1Th_2:19 our hope, in the **presence of our Lord Jesus Christ** at His coming - Read this verse

~~Rom_8:24 For we were saved in this hope, (read Romans 8:25)~~

Who is it from?

~~1Co_2:5 I have hope in God,~~

Rom_15:13 the **God** of hope

1Ti_1:1 the **Lord Jesus Christ**, our hope,

1Pe_1:21 who through Him **believe in God**, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. vs 1:17-21

James 1:17 Every best & perfect gift... above & cometh down from the father... lights... is no variation nor shadow of turning.

② For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power into salvation to every one that believeth to the Jew first and to the Greek.

~~all might be saved~~ - all might be saved

To whom is this hope available? Romans 1:16

- ① 1st Tim 2:3-4
- ⑤ Rom 15:12 IN HIM THE **GENTILES** SHALL HOPE."
- ⑤ Eph 2:12 that at that time **you** were without Christ, having no hope and without God in the world.
- ① Acts 16:31
- ③ mention Romans 10:1 - Jews be all saved
- ④ Acts 28:20 Jews

How do we get it?

- ② Rom 10:9 that if you **confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- ③ Rom 15:4 **learning**, that we **through the Scriptures** might have hope. (What was written afore time)
- ④ Heb 10:23 **the confession** of **our** hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Read Hebrews 10:19-25)

What is the Character of this Hope?

- ④ Heb 6:19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both **sure and steadfast** that enters behind "that" within the veil
- ③ Heb 6:18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have **strong consolation**, who have fled for **refuge** to lay hold of the hope set before us
- ② 1Co 13:13 And now **abide** faith, hope, love,
- ① 1st Peter 1:3 it is a **living** hope

What does it do?

Act_2:26 **REST** IN HOPE.

(Peters Sermon concerning Davids faith read it Starting at verse 25-28)

Rom_5:5 hope **does not disappoint**,

Heb_6:11 **full assurance** of hope until the end,

Heb_6:19 This hope we have as an **anchor of the soul**, both sure and steadfast

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Because of it What do we do?

1. Heb_7:19 the law made nothing perfect. ^{but the bringing in of} a better hope, **we draw near to God**.

2. 2Co_3:12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we **use great boldness of speech**

3. Gal_5:5 **wait** for the hope of righteousness by faith.

4. Rom_12:12 **rejoicing** in hope,

5. Rom_15:13 **abound** in hope - by law, hold ^{all} what we have in Christ & be ready to

6. 1Pe_3:15 **sanctify the Lord God in your hearts**, give a reason for the hope that is in you - God wants all men to be saved. ^{by not... we are would be taking from Him His Joy}

7. 1Jn_3:3 everyone who has this hope in Him **purifies himself** just as He is pure. ^{not walking according to what we are at such a cost is thievery! to what he is due!!!!!!}

8. Php_1:20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also **Christ will be magnified in my body**, whether by life or by death.

9. 1Pe_1:13 **rest your hope fully upon the grace** that is at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

10. Heb_3:6 **hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing** of the hope

Lastly, the hope of the believer is a means of **protection**. In **Ephesians**, we are instructed to put on **the whole armor of God**. That indicates that the believer is in a **confrontational environment** all the time. We have enemies. The greatest **enemy is that wicked one** the devil himself. It has been said that for any person a **battle is won or lost in the mind**. The enemy knows that and **that is where he attacks the most often**.

Here we have a **helmet to protect our head** from the attack of the enemy. This helmet has a name, the **hope of our salvation**.

Yes, we look forward to the day when we will hear His voice to call us up to meet him in the air. We will be changed, we will be made like Him! And from that moment on we will be with him for eternity. That is indeed a blessed hope. Keeping the word of the Lord ever before, we can withstand the attacks of the enemy because we can say with steadfast, bold assurance that I belong to HIM and nothing will ever change that.

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Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

(1Th 5:6-8)