

Our Hope in the Coming Kingdom of God

Luke 17:20-37

Bright Hope for Dark Days

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.

Proverbs 29:18

***We need more than temporary goals. We need _____ goals.
To keep us motivated, even when temporary hopes are unfulfilling.***

When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.

Proverbs 29:2

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God. Psalm 43:5

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

Isaiah 40:28

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; Isaiah 40:29-30

but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

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. Romans 15:13

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, Hebrews 6:19

Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul

Now I've a hope that will surely endure after the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure, there in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day when at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal from His precious hand I received.

"You aim at heaven and you get earth thrown in.
You aim at earth and you get neither." —C. S. Lewis

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***Our hope is the fact that Jesus Christ is going to return to earth,
conquer His enemies, and establish His permanent Kingdom
where we will reign with Him forever.***

Principles Jesus taught about _____

1. Christian Hope Keeps a _____ Perspective

*Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied,
"The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, **Luke 17:20***

*nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."
Luke 17:21*

2. Christian Hope _____ between the True and the False

Principles Jesus taught about hope

*Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the
Son of Man, but you will not see it. Men will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go
running off after them. **Luke 17:22-23***

*For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from
one end to the other. **Luke 17:24***

*Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and
all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. **Revelation 1:7***

3. Christian Hope Remains _____ Regardless of the World's Condition

Principles Jesus taught about hope

*"Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were
eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark.
Then the flood came and destroyed them all. **Luke 17:26-27***

*The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. **Genesis 6:5***

*Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. **Genesis 6:11***

*"It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. **Luke 17:28-29***

*"It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. **Luke 17:30***

*"Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. **Ezekiel 16:49***

*They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen. **Ezekiel 16:50***

*In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire. **Jude 1:7***

*"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable. **Leviticus 18:22***

*They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them." **Genesis 19:5***

*"If God doesn't judge America soon He'll have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah for His inconsistency."
—Billy Graham*

4. Christian Hope Vigilantly _____ Christ's Return

Principles Jesus taught about hope

*"It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. On that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. **Luke 17:30-31***

*Remember Lot's wife! Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. **Luke 17:32-33***

*"I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. **Luke 17:34***

*"Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left. **Luke 17:35***

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

2 Peter 3:10

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

2 Peter 3:11-12

That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. **2 Peter 3:12-13**

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. **1 Peter 1:13**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **Romans 8:35**

As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **Romans 8:36-37**

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:38-39**

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. **Hebrews 10:23**

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