

# Bible Verses on Hope

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What Does the Bible say About Hope? It has many things to say about hope. Following are many Scriptures on the subject, starting with Old Testament Scriptures first and then going to the New Testament. There is no commentary except for titles to divide some of the New Testament Scriptures by category.

## Hope

<sup>5</sup>The LORD *is* the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. <sup>6</sup>The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly heritage. <sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons. <sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved. <sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. <sup>10</sup>For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. <sup>11</sup>Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.”  
(Psalm 16:5-11)

“Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.”  
(Psalm 31:24)

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; <sup>19</sup>To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. <sup>20</sup>Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our shield. <sup>21</sup>For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. <sup>22</sup>Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.” (Psalm 33:18-22)

“For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.” (Psalm 38:15)

<sup>7</sup>Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me, <sup>8</sup>I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.” (Psalm 39:7,8)

<sup>1</sup>Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man. <sup>2</sup>For thou *art* the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? <sup>3</sup>O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. <sup>4</sup>Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God. <sup>5</sup>Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.” (Psalm 43)

<sup>4</sup>“Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. <sup>5</sup>For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth. <sup>6</sup>By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise *shall be* continually of thee.” (Psalm 71:4-6)

<sup>5</sup>“For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: <sup>6</sup>That the generation to come might know *them, even* the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children: <sup>7</sup>That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.” (Psalm 78:5-7)

“They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.” (Psalm 119:74)

“My soul fainteth for thy salvation: *but* I hope in thy word.” (Psalm 119:81)

“Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.” (Psalm 119:116)

<sup>166</sup>“LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments. <sup>167</sup>My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.” (Psalm 119:166,167)

<sup>7</sup>“Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with him *is* plenteous redemption. <sup>8</sup>And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.” (Psalm 130:7,8)

<sup>1</sup>“Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. <sup>2</sup>While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help. <sup>4</sup>His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. <sup>5</sup>Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God: <sup>6</sup>Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is* : which keepeth truth for ever: <sup>7</sup>Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners: <sup>8</sup>The LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous: <sup>9</sup>The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. <sup>10</sup>The LORD shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.” (Psalm 146)

<sup>27</sup>The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened. <sup>28</sup>The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. <sup>29</sup>The way of the LORD *is* strength to the upright: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity. <sup>30</sup>The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.” (Proverbs 10:27-30)

“Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.” (Proverbs 13:12)

“The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.” (Proverbs 14:32)

“For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.” (Proverbs 23:18)

<sup>13</sup>My son, eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to thy taste: <sup>14</sup>So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: when thou hast found *it*, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.” (Proverbs 24:13,14)

<sup>17</sup>Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. <sup>18</sup>For the grave cannot praise thee, death can *not* celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. <sup>19</sup>The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I *do* this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth. <sup>20</sup>The LORD *was ready* to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.” (Isaiah 38:17-20; the words of Hezekiah when God healed him)

<sup>7</sup>Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. <sup>8</sup>For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.” (Jeremiah 17:7,8)

<sup>21</sup>This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. <sup>22</sup>*It is of* the LORD' mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. <sup>23</sup>*They are* new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>The LORD *is* my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. <sup>25</sup>The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him. <sup>26</sup>*It is* good that *a man* should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.” (Lamentations 3:21-26)

“<sup>14</sup>Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. <sup>15</sup>And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>16</sup>And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, *that* thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali. <sup>17</sup>For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name. <sup>18</sup>And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and *with* the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. <sup>19</sup>And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. <sup>20</sup>I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.” (Hosea 2:14-20)

“<sup>16</sup>The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. <sup>17</sup>So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.” (Joel 3:16,17)

## Verses on Hope from the New Testament

### *Hope of the Resurrection:*

“<sup>6</sup>But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men *and* brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.” (Acts 23:6)

“<sup>13</sup>Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me. <sup>14</sup>But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: <sup>15</sup>And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.” (Acts 24:13-15)

“<sup>6</sup>And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers: <sup>7</sup>Unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, instantly serving *God* day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews. <sup>8</sup>Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?” (Acts 26:6-8)

<sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. <sup>20</sup>But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept. <sup>21</sup>For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” (I Corinthians 15:19-22)

*Abraham had hope in God even when things looked hopeless. He believed because God said it would happen:*

“Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.” (Romans 4:18)

*Hope because the Holy Spirit has shed God’s love abroad in our hearts:*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; <sup>4</sup>And patience, experience; and experience, hope: <sup>5</sup>And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” (Romans 5:1-5)

*Hope for things to come:*

<sup>24</sup>For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*.” (Romans 8:24,25)

*Hope in Christian love and fellowship:*

<sup>10</sup>Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; <sup>11</sup>Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup>Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.” (Romans 12:10-12)

<sup>1</sup>We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup>Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification. <sup>3</sup>For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. <sup>4</sup>For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. <sup>5</sup>Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward

another according to Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 15:1-6)

*Hope – one of the three things that abide when other things pass away:*

“<sup>13</sup>And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.” (I Corinthians 13:3)

*Hope of righteousness:*

“<sup>5</sup>For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. <sup>6</sup>For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.”

*The hope of God’s calling:*

“<sup>17</sup>That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: <sup>18</sup>The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, <sup>20</sup>Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*.” (Ephesians 1:17-20)

“<sup>4</sup>*There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup>One Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. <sup>7</sup>But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:4-7)

*Hope in the Preaching of Christ*

“<sup>18</sup>What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. <sup>19</sup>For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, <sup>20</sup>According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.” (Philippians 1:18-21)

<sup>3</sup>We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, <sup>4</sup>Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love *which ye have* to all the saints, <sup>5</sup>For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; <sup>6</sup>Which is come unto you, as *it is* in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as *it doth* also in you, since the day ye heard *of it*, and knew the grace of God in truth... <sup>10</sup>That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup>Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; <sup>12</sup>Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: <sup>13</sup>Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son: <sup>14</sup>In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: <sup>15</sup>Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature.” (Colossians 1:3-6 and 10-15)

<sup>23</sup>If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven... according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; <sup>26</sup>*Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: <sup>27</sup>To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: <sup>28</sup>Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.” (Excerpts from Colossians 1:23-28)

### *Hope in the Lord Jesus Christ*

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; <sup>3</sup>Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; <sup>4</sup>Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. <sup>5</sup>For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.” (I Thessalonians 1:2-4)

“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, *which is* our hope.” (I Timothy 1:1)



### *Hope through grace*

“<sup>16</sup>Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.” (II Thessalonians 2:16,17)

“<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup>Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; <sup>13</sup>Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup>Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. <sup>15</sup>These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.” (Titus 2:11-15)

“<sup>4</sup>But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, <sup>5</sup>Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; <sup>6</sup>Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; <sup>7</sup>That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:4-7)

### *Hope of eternal life because of God's promise*

“<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; <sup>2</sup>In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.” (Titus 1:1,2)

### *Hope because of Jesus' abundant mercy*

“<sup>3</sup>Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (I Peter 1:3-5)

### *Hope of God's grace:*

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (I Peter 1:13)

*Other New Testament Passages:*

<sup>10</sup>For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

<sup>11</sup>And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end... <sup>18</sup>That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for

God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: <sup>19</sup>Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure

and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; <sup>20</sup>Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.”

(Hebrews 6:10,11 and 18-20)

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

(Hebrews 11:1)

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup>And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” (I John 3:2,3)