

How Do We Get to Hope

When people say, "I've lost all hope," counselors, pastors, and therapists help them understand they are on the pathway to hope. Biblically, the pathway to hope is not in seeing it (faith is the evidence of things unseen) but in suffering toward it.

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This Week's Scripture

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Romans 5: 3-6

Galatians 6:9

Psalm 27: 14

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Christian hope is the first step in trusting God. It is the core assurance that, whatever our circumstances, God is loving and merciful.

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What is the difference between Christian hope and the commonly used secular meaning of hope that focuses more on desire? How can I learn to escape the urgency of daily life and grow in confidence that God is in ultimate control?

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How does being with others help us to overcome feelings of hopelessness and increase our endurance in dealing with life's issues?

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Think of some ways that being with other Christians helps us to live, as 1Corinthians 13 teaches us, in "faith, hope, and love." Is it possible to experience true Christian hope alone? Why or why not?

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Christian hope is founded in the expectation that what is promised will be fulfilled in due time. Sometimes our lives are so burdened by immediate conditions, it is hard to see a brighter future.

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What are best steps to take when relating to someone who says that they have lost all hope and no longer have the ability to persevere? As Christians, how are we called to respond to those in distress? What examples did Jesus give to us?

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Sermon Notes

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