



Hopefully Your Hope is Hope-full

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I CAN BE SURE MY HOPE IS HOPE-FULL IF I...

1. ...Understand the proper DEFINITION of BIBLICAL hope.

elpis—means “FAVORABLE and CONFIDENT expectation” in regard to the UNSEEN and the future.

elpizo—means “TO TRUST.” Specifically, this trust is “centered on a PERSON.”

2. ...FOCUS on the OBJECT of my hope.

“For You are my hope; O Lord GOD, You are my confidence from my youth.”

Psalms 71:5

1.

*“How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose **hope is in the LORD** his God.”*

Psalms 146:5

*“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, **who is our hope.**”*

1 Timothy 1:1

*“For it is for this we labor and strive, because **we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men**”*

1 Timothy 4:10

3. ...ACCOMPLISH the WORK to become hope-full.

*“My soul, **wait in silence** for God only, For my hope is from Him.”*

Psalms 62:5

*“But as for me, I will hope **continually**, And will **praise You yet more** and more. “*

Psalms 71:14

*“For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through **perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures** we might have hope.”*

Romans 15:4

2.

*“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we **exult** in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also **exult** in our tribulations, knowing that **tribulation** brings about perseverance; and **perseverance**, proven character; and **proven character**, hope; and **hope** does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”*

Romans 5:1-5

4. ...DESIRE the RIGHT THINGS.

*“Instruct those who are rich in this present world **not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.**”*

1 Timothy 6:17

*“But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, **the hope of salvation**. For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining **salvation** through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:8-10

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