

Hope That Doesn't Disappoint

Romans 5:1-5 – *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

- “tribulations” – THLIPSIS; pressure; spiritual bench pressing.
- “perseverance” – HUPOMONE; in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings. [Strong's]
- “character” – DOKIME; a tried and proved character.
- “hope” – ELPIS; confident, joyful expectation; the happy anticipation of good; always believe you can.
- “disappoint” – KATAISCHYNO; one is said to be put to shame who suffers a repulse, or whom some hope has deceived.

Hebrews 11:1 – *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

- “faith” – PISTIS; fully convinced – persuaded – immovable – because we have proof – evidence. [the Word]
- “substance” – HUPOSTASIS; foundation; a standing under, support; that which has real existence. [AMP – “*the assurance (the confirmation, the title-deed)*”]
- “things” – that are already accomplished.
- “not seen” – they're real but invisible.

- **AMP:** *Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title-deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality – faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.*

Both faith & hope are required.

- Faith without hope = a sailboat without wind.
- **Romans 15:13** – *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in **believing**, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* [to put confidence in someone]

Proverbs 13:12 – *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.*

- “**hope**” – same as NT, expectation.
- “**deferred**” – prolonged; delayed.
- “**heart**” – linking soul & spirit.
- “**sick**” – wounded, grieving, weak, tired.

What makes hope delayed?

- Doubt & unbelief.
- Never truly convinced – persuaded – immovable.
- Heart problems.
- No real expectation.
- Waiting for God to do something.
- Thinking we’re not qualified.
- Not understanding God’s will.

I Peter 3:13-16 [**NASB**] – *Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, ¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the **hope** that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; ¹⁶ and keep a good*

conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.