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Hope?

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)

We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized.

Hebrews 6:11 (NIV)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, ...

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

Hope - the confident expectation that a "specific something" is going to happen.

*What do you hope for?

*What is the source of, or reason for, your hope?

The Believer's Hope: When Jesus returns, we will...

1. Be resurrected from the dead...

...I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

Acts 24:15 (NIV)

King Agrippa, it is because of this hope that these Jews are accusing me. ⁸ Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?

Acts 26:7b-8 (NIV)

2. Receive glory...

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)

3. Live forever in a world made right!

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

Revelation 21:4-5a (NIV)

Our Hope Should...

Change the way I live. Titus 2:11-14; 1 John 3:1-3

Encourage me. 1 Thessalonians 1:3; Hebrews 6:10-12

Change the way I view death.
1 Thessalonians 4:13; 1 Corinthians 15:53-57

Unite me with other believers. Ephesians 4:4-6