

Faith & Hope

I. Worldly Hope vs Biblical Hope

A. Worldly/Natural Hope

1. It is a wish, a desire or an expectation that something will happen
2. It is based on natural reasoning or logic
3. There are no absolute guarantees - always an uncertainty

B. Biblical Hope - Romans 15:4

1. Desire for something good to happen
2. Expectation of obtaining what is desired
3. Foundation of Biblical hope is the Word of God and the Promises of God
4. There is a certainty and a guarantee because it is God's Word and His Promises - neither He nor they ever change! -Malachi 3:6; Numbers 23:19

II. Biblical Faith & Biblical Hope

A. Biblical Hope has two components - Romans 8:24-25

1. It is future - looks forward in time
2. It is invisible - cannot see or experience it as a reality in my life right now

B. Faith and Hope - Hebrews 11:1

1. True Biblical faith takes hold of the future - of the unseen realm and it brings it back into the present to make it real or a reality so that we can do something with it in the present
2. Faith is always present tense - hope is always future
3. To receive anything from God, it must come through or by faith - not hope

C. Believing and Receiving - Mark 11:22-24

1. Believing is present tense and continuous until it manifests itself - when faith becomes sight
2. Two Requirements of Receiving
 - a. Believe now & continue to believe
 - b. Acting on that belief

Scripture Verses

Biblical Hope

Jeremiah 29:11 *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Psalms 147:11 *the Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.*

Proverbs 13:2 *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.*

Romans 15:4 *For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instructions, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

Psalms 119:114 *You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word*

Romans 8:25 *But if we hope for what is still unseen by us, we wait for it with patience and perseverance.*

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.*

1 Peter 1:13 *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

Biblical Faith

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

Hebrews 11:6 *without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

Romans 10:17 *So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.*

Galatians 3:2 *Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law or by the hearing of faith?*

1 John 5:4 *For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith.*

2 Corinthians 5:7 *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*

Romans 4:20 *yet with respect to the promise of God, he (Abraham) did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God.*

James 2:26 *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

James 5:15 *the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick*