

Hope

The word hope compared to the Christian word hope

The faith and love that springs from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. (Colossians 1:5).

The concept of hope was something the ancients repudiated.

Most people understand hope as wishful thinking, as in "I hope something will happen." This is not what the Bible means by hope. The biblical definition of *hope* is "confident expectation." Hope is a firm assurance regarding things that are unclear and unknown (Romans 8:24-25; Hebrews 11:1, 7). Hope is a fundamental component of the life of the righteous (Proverbs 23:18).

They regarded it as dubious and uncertain. But Christian hope is as certain, if not more certain, as tomorrow's dawn. It is the assurance that however much we enjoy God's presence and blessings here on earth, we will experience something far, far greater in heaven. Some think of heaven as the place where the finishing touches will be added to what we have received on earth. but we are told, 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him' (1 Corinthians 2:9).

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