

Colossians 1:3-8

Hope

Colossians 1:3–8 We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you heard *of it* and understood the grace of God in truth; just as you learned *it* from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.

1. _____ is listed by the Apostle Paul as one of the “_____” qualities in the Christian life. **1 Corinthians 13:13.**
2. Not much is made of hope in Christian teaching today because the modern meaning tends to be, “I hope that I get to go _____, I don’t know for _____ that I will, _____ I will, _____ I won’t, I guess we will just wait and see.”
3. The Biblical _____ of hope is a “_____ expectation of a _____ event.”
4. Hope was _____ almost exclusively of _____ with God as that positive, for sure, future event. **Titus 1:2; Psalm 71:5.**
5. Hope comes as a result of choosing to _____ our _____ on eternity and heaven, using our sanctified _____. **Colossians 3:1-4.**
6. Many have set their hope for their _____ on _____. **1 Timothy 6:17.**
7. Basically, the _____ we _____ about our _____ destiny the _____ hope we will have.
8. God created our _____ and He knows what information to _____ them so they work the best as a _____ and not as an enemy.

9. Hope is like a supernatural _____ and _____, we are always safe and secure no matter what happens. **Jeremiah 29:11; Heb. 6:18-20.**
10. Hope is what gives those who are facing _____ and _____, strength and _____. **Romans 5:3-5, 8:22-25.**
11. Those that have a _____ hope are those who _____ other _____ best. **Colossians 1:3-8.**
12. Those that have a strong hope are those who _____ the Lord most _____ and bear the most _____. **Titus 2:12-14; 1 Peter 1:13; 1 Timothy 4:10; Psalm 119:166.**
13. Those that have a strong hope are those who _____ in _____ to be _____ Jesus the fastest. **1 John 3:2-3.**
14. Those that have a strong hope are those who _____ their own impending _____ with joy and courage and the _____ of their loved ones with strength. **Romans 15:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 5:8-11.**
15. It is intended by God that any time we go through a _____, a _____ problem, and discouragement from failure, even disappointments or _____ in relationships that we would choose to _____ our _____ on eternity with Jesus. **Psalm 42:5.**
16. Most Christians tend to go into our _____ mode of thinking when _____ come so instead of becoming stronger, more loving to others, more useful to God, and more like Jesus in character, they become _____ and _____.
17. The greatest _____ we have in life is _____ what we _____ about most of the time. **Proverbs 23:7; Philippians 4:8; Romans 8:5-7; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 3:18-19; 2 Corinthians 11:3.**