

What is HOPE?

Our State Without HOPE

- Ephesians 2:12

remember that at that time you were

- separate from **Christ**,
- excluded from **citizenship** in Israel and
- foreigners to the covenants of the **promise**,
- **without hope** and **without God** in the world.

BUT NOW...

Our State in HOPE

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But now **in Christ Jesus**

- you who once were far away
- have been brought near
- by the blood of Christ

Bible – a book of HOPE

- Old Testament prophets
- ‘..prisoners of hope..’ - Zec 9:12
- ‘..valley of Achor, a door of hope..’ - Hos 2:15
- ‘..hoping against hope..’ - Rom 4:18
- ‘..the Hope of Israel..’ – Jer 17:13

What HOPE is NOT...

- Hope that stands on sinking sand
- “Do worry, be happy..”
- “Everything will turn out fine...”
- “He’ll be better when he grows up...”
- “you must be hopeful..”

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What is True HOPE?

- Our HOPE is built on nothing less...

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Our Hope is... **JESUS**

Hebrews 6:18-20

- ...who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the **hope** set before *us*. This **hope** we have as an **anchor** of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, *even Jesus...*

The DANGER of Losing Hope

Hebrews 2:1

- We must **pay** the most **careful attention**, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not **drift away**.
- The devil's deception...
religion without Jesus Christ



Putting on HOPE as Helmet

1 Thess 5:8



Hope as our soul's ANCHOR

- With _____ as the Anchor, we can smile at the storm...

