

THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE

1 John 3:1-3; Titus 2:11-13

Hope Defined:

Hope is defined as “**desire with expectation of obtaining what is desired.**”

- ◉ Desire alone is not hope.
- ◉ Expectation alone is not hope.

What The Christian's Hope Is:

- ◉ Appearing of the glory of Christ.
1 Thess. 4:16
- ◉ Dead in Christ raised.
1 Thess. 4:16; John 5:28f
- ◉ United with the person of Christ.
1 Thess. 4: 17; Phil. 1:23
- ◉ Conformed to the image of Christ.
Phil. 3:20-21
- ◉ Eternity in the presence of Christ.
1 Thess. 4: 17

What The Christian's Hope Is:

- ◉ Heaven, with all of its joy and bliss, its beauty and grandeur, is the hope of the Christian. **Col. 1:5; Eph. 4:4**
- ◉ We ought to desire it and we ought to expect it!

The Ground Of The Christian's Hope

- ◉ We are “*children of God.*”
 - The manner of our becoming children of God: the new birth. **John 3:3-5. Cf. Gal. 3:26f.** — children of God by faith when we are baptized.
 - The honor of being children of God: to be a child of the King. **Rom. 8:17**

The Ground Of The Christian's Hope

- ◉ No one except a child of God can have this hope of heaven.
 - Hope is in Christ (**1 Cor. 15:19**), “*If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable.*”
 - Only children of God are in Christ (**Gal. 3:26f.**).
 - Those not children of God ...without God, and those without God are without hope (**Eph. 2:12**).
 - Heaven is a prepared place (**Jno. 14:2**), for a prepared people... those who submit to Christ and become children of God.

The Ground Of The Christian's Hope

- Faithfulness and godliness are necessary for the child of God to have the hope of heaven.
- **Rev. 2:10** “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.”

Heaven - The place of...

- **Everlasting Bliss!** **Rev. 7:16-17; Rev. 21:4**
- **Fellowship in The Light of God's Glory!**
Rev. 21:22-25
- **The Faithful of All Ages!** **Mt. 8:11; Heb. 11**
- **The “city foursquare” – A Paradise!**
Rev. 21:16-21
- **Ultimate Purity!** **Rev. 21:27**
- **Of Eternal Rest For the Souls of The Faithful!** **Rev. 14:13**

This hope is worth more than
all of the world.

**Do you have
HOPE?**

2 Tim 4:6-8, 18