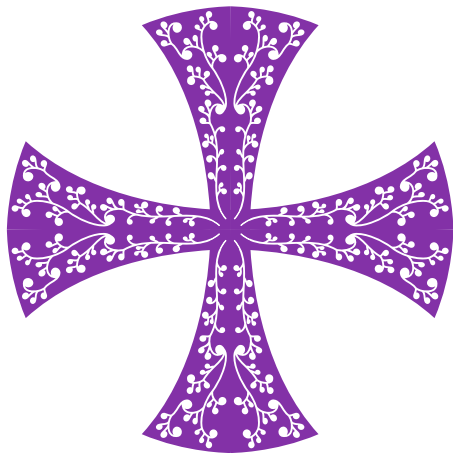


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*of* **Hope**



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*Those who **hope** in the LORD  
will renew their strength.*

**Isaiah 40:31 NIV**

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**Hope.** People often use the word lightly. I **hope** it doesn't rain, they might say. With the power of a wish, but without any real conviction that there is better than a fifty-fifty chance of what they hope for.

Or maybe they speak more seriously:  
**Hopefully** you'll get that raise. With the strength of desire that, if realized, will be considered beneficial.  
They feel pretty good about the potential.

Only rarely do people embrace hope with confidence:  
I have **hope** that I'm prepared to face what tomorrow brings.  
With an absolute expectation, a total trust that what they believe will come to pass. The strange thing about that kind of anticipation is that when tomorrow comes, even if it brings along the entirely unexpected, their confidence doesn't seem to waver. And in an almost absurd way, their hope is fact.

That's the kind of hope that the Bible talks about.  
**Hope** that's already a truth. Living and eternal **hope**.  
Wouldn't we all like that!

Wander in these words from God's book.  
Take them in all at once, or sit with just one page at a time.  
And find strength and comfort in the message of **hope** found here.

**F**or I know the  
plans and thoughts  
that I have for you,”  
says the **LORD**,  
“plans for peace  
and well-being and  
not for disaster,  
to give you a future  
and a **hope.**”



**W**hat a God  
we have!  
And how  
fortunate we are  
to have **him**, this **Father**  
of our **Master Jesus!**  
Because **Jesus**  
was raised from the dead,  
we've been given  
a brand-new life  
and have everything  
to live for,

including a future  
in heaven  
—and the future  
starts now!  
**God** is keeping  
careful watch over us  
and the future.  
The Day is coming  
when you'll have it all  
—life healed and whole.

**W**e fix our eyes  
not on what  
is seen,  
but on what is unseen,  
since what is seen  
is temporary,  
but what is unseen  
is eternal.



**W**e look forward  
with **hope**  
to that  
wonderful day  
when the glory  
of our great **God**  
and **Savior,**  
**Jesus Christ,**  
will be revealed.

**M**ay the **God**  
of **hope**  
fill you  
with all joy  
and peace  
as you trust in **him**,  
so that you may  
overflow with **hope**  
by the power  
of the **Holy Spirit**.

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