

# Hope Does Not Disappoint

Hope is a small word but its meaning is far from small. Those in the world recognize the power of hope and are quoted as saying that “hope opens doors and has the power to sustain us through the most difficult of times and circumstances. Having the ability to look forward keeps us moving forward, and hope plays an important role in this process.” But in the treasure of God’s word, we find that Christian hope is more than that; it is alive with a greater beauty, its influence on mankind is impossible to over-estimate, and its affect on our lives leads us to an eternity we can scarcely imagine.

## 1.) Hope: The Vehicle by Which We Persevere and Succeed

- Hope is acknowledged by most as that which will see us through and help us endure (*Mark 9:23; Rom.12:12; Ps.146:5; 71:14; 43:5*)
- Hope is designed to give strength and benefit when it is founded in knowledge (*Prov.10:28; Heb.11:1; Ps.27:13*)

## 2.) True Hope Does Not Disappoint

- Recognize that hope based in anything earthly could give way at any moment. (*2 Cor.4:18; Tit. 3:7; Eph.1:18*)
- Hope based in the eternal God is rock-solid and true. It will never disappoint (*Rom. 5:3-5; Col.1:27; Ps.39:7; 31:24; 1 Pet.1:3; Ps.33:18*)

## 3.) Hoping against Hope

- There is reason to build a solid hope in God despite the obstacles the world may present (*Rom. 4:17-19; 1 John 3:3; 1 Pet.1:13; Lam. 3:24*)
- Confident expectation of the fulfillment of all our hopes (*Ps. 119:114; Titus 2:13; Heb. 6:17-19; Acts 24:15; 1 Pet.1:21*)