

Christ Our Hope

The definition of hope: "a confident expectation of which you are certain"

The object of hope: [Jesus, His person and work](#)

The content of hope: For what do we hope? What is the content of our hope?

1. Jesus is 'our hope' for forgiveness of sins (forever escape from God's wrath at our sin)

A. All people have a sin problem...

...we are all [sinners](#). Romans 3:23, Isaiah 53:6, 1 John 1:8, 1 John 1:10

...and our sin [separates](#) us from God, now and forever. Romans 6:23, Isaiah 59:2, Romans 1:18

B. Jesus is God's solution to our sin and separation problem...

...Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Jn 1:29

...Jesus died in our place on the cross and there [paid](#) the price for our sins. Matthew 20:28, 1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:5, 2 Cor. 5:21, Rom. 5:6-8

...Jesus is the [only](#) way to God the Father. John 14:6; John 3:36; John 8:24; 1 Peter 3:18; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; 1 John 5:11-13

2. Jesus is 'our hope' for reconciliation with God (forever friendship with God, forever restored relationship with God)

A. On the basis of Jesus' death in our place, God the Father offers freely to us...

... forever friendship through [forgiveness](#) of sin, 1 John 1:9

... forever [cleansing](#) from guilt, 1 John 1:7, Isaiah 1:18

... forever friendship through the [righteousness](#) of Christ, Romans 5:1; 2 Corinthians 5:21

... and forever friendship through [membership](#) in His family. John 1:12

B. God the Father offers eternal life instead of death.

He offers forever relationship, [friendship](#) and peace with Himself instead of forever separation from Himself. Romans 6:23; John 17:3

3. Jesus is 'our hope' for power in holy living

A. The Holy Spirit [indwells](#) God's children. (Romans 8:9-11)

B. The Holy Spirit [empowers](#) God's children to live godly lives. (Gal. 5:16-17)

C. The Holy Spirit [motivates](#) God's children to live godly lives. (1 Cor.6:18-20; Romans 6:12-14)

4. Jesus is 'our hope' for victory over death, which means bodily resurrection to eternal life.

A. He came to deliver us from the [fear](#) of death. (1 Cor.15:55; Heb. 2:14-15)

B. He promises us a [bodily](#) resurrection to everlasting life, just like His. (1 Cor. 15:12-58, 1 Thes. 4:13-18, Rev. 21:1-5)

CONCLUSION Hebrews 6:18-19

So What? Now What? Action Points:

Is your hope in Jesus for...

- forever forgiveness of your sins
- forever friendship with God
- power to live a godly life
- forever victory over death

Would you like to 'hope' in Jesus for these today?
Then let's talk with Him about it