

All You Hoped For

He said he would take those who believed in him to heaven.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

John 14:3

Hopes can be unfulfilled if we don't accept the conditions of the promise in time.

Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

James 4:14

Turn to God and pray accepting the payment He has made for your failures and fears so that He can live in you giving you hope for now and the future.



Easter All You HOPE For



Hopeful

Are you living with the hope that the rest of this year will bring to pass the things you have been looking for?

Are you hoping for better weather or an improvement in the situation with your health, family or work?

Are you hoping that your planned holidays will live up to your expectations?

We hope for all sorts of things – little things that will happen soon or more important things that will make a significant difference in life possibly in the longer term.

What is the basis of these hopes? Is it solid and reliable?

Hopes And Fears

I'm expecting presents for my birthday, because I get some every year. I fear I won't win the lottery, – the odds are just too high.

Our confidence in something we hope for is higher when something similar has happened before.

What if there was someone who knows the past and the future? Well there is!



The Bible, the recorded word of God, makes over 300 precise forecasts about a man who was to come. All of them were fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ!

One precise forecast fulfilled would be beyond possibility. So many fulfilled is proof that He is solid and reliable, and He has a plan for your life.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Do you want to know the plan He has for your life?

Hopes Dashed

Many of our hopes are unexpressed or repressed due to the fear that they will not happen and time is filled with mundane everyday activities.

We don't know the future and yet we place our reliance on ourselves! We have no control over the future and so we are often disappointed. We need a relationship with one who does know the future and is dependable. That one is God and even one move without him or against him leaves us

...Separate from Christ, ...without hope and without God in the world. Ephesians 2:12

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

Isaiah 59:2

Honesty compels me to recognise that we all start off in this condition and I ask myself 'is there any forgiveness and hope for me?'



Rising Hope

The Lord Jesus, in fulfilling the promises, said He would die and he did. For...

without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Hebrews 9:22

Two people met Jesus after He came alive again and at first didn't recognise him. They said to him...

they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. Luke 24:20-21

Later they recognised that he had risen from the dead.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Luke 24:31

We celebrate the worlds greatest event at Easter –the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. It demonstrates that there is real hope in getting everlasting life.

Jesus Christ said he could give eternal life and he can.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Would you let your drive for independence stop you from trusting him for your future?

Hope To The End

Placing your hope in God is a total change in life and of life. Do you realize that it is worth the cost?

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

He said that his Spirit would live in people giving them the power to live now and in the future. We ourselves...

who have the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. ... we wait for it patiently.

Romans 8:23-25



Obviously placing my dependence in God will mean that I can no longer depend on my own hopes with the associated fears. Dependence on God is so much more than just for this life. For...

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:19-20

Do you hope for abundant life now and resurrection, heaven and perfection for ever?