

FAITH & HOPE

Hebrews 11:1; Romans 8:18-25

Do you believe in Heaven... i.e., have faith in it's existence...what about hope of heaven?

Do you have hope of heaven?

How confident are you of THAT?

Hope = desire and confident expectation of receiving that desire in regard to God's word re. HOW to get there.

FAITH & HOPE

Hebrews 11:1; Romans 8:18-25

- How are FAITH & HOPE related?
- Which is dependent upon the other?

We read of faith:

“Now faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”

- Romans 10:17

**Consider this concept as it relates to
HOPE**

Understanding HOPE

Is your FAITH based upon HOPE?

'I hope I get to heaven...'

or,

Is your HOPE based upon FAITH?

'I expect to be there...'

You may believe in heaven; do you hope in heaven?

Your hope is as strong as your faith.

Understanding HOPE

T or F - “Now, hope cometh by faith and faith by the word of God.”

- Passage???

T or F?

How proved, if so?

How are FAITH & HOPE related?

Is one dependent upon the other?

Understanding HOPE

In order to benefit from HOPE, God has put it in a format that will be understood by those who seek to understand His will.

- To understand HOPE, we find in the bible that the things which we hope for are used in place of the word HOPE.
- This is a concept known as **metonymy** [*figurative language*]; that consists of the substitution of a word referring to an attribute for the thing that is meant...
- Examples: “the bottle” for “strong drink”, or “count heads/noses” for “count people”; the use of the throne to refer to a monarch’s rule.

So also with attributes of ‘HOPE’

Understanding HOPE

Hope is not visible with the naked eye; it is dependent upon faith (Romans 10:17). We can't see the things we hope for; we accept them by faith.

This can be seen from the things we hope for:

- Titus 1:1-2 - "...in hope of eternal life..."
- ETERNAL LIFE isn't visible, but based upon FAITH in what God's word has said about it - (Romans 10:17)

Eternal life is based upon faith; as is hope of it.

Understanding HOPE

- 1 Peter 1:17-21 - our faith and hope are said to be in God.
- We hope in GOD, yet He is not visible with the naked eye. However, the Creation gives His evidence (Romans 1:20)

God is not physically visible (no idol); neither is our hope in Him. It is based/dependent on faith.

Understanding HOPE

- Col. 1:27 - Christ is the basis of hope.
- Christ “in you” as our hope of glory. Is Christ physically visible? Is glory physically visible?

How does Christ ‘dwell’ in us? (Eph. 3:17 - through faith) (Col. 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell...).

- The ‘dwelling’ is not visible, but the results of this dwelling are visible from the life we live.

The ‘**visible-ness**’ is in seen from the obedience of our faith.

Understanding HOPE

1 Tim. 1:1 - Christ is the basis of hope...**HOW SO?**

- “Christ Jesus our hope” is based upon His being resurrected (yet this is based on per testimony of God’s word - Romans 10:17)
- Christ is “our hope” based upon our faith in God’s statement of fact about eternal life is possible thru Him.

Any “visible” proof of the resurrection, or is there testimony that requires faith?

Understanding HOPE

- Descriptions of HOPE
- 2 Thess. 2:16 - This hope is called **‘good’**, and exists because of God’s grace;

God has given us...eternal comfort and good hope by grace

- grace is not visible with the naked eye; only the results (as is true of the wind).

Understanding HOPE

- Titus 2:13 - as a **'blessed'** hope, it is a hope wherein we wait for "...the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ..."

His return is based upon faith in what God has said about a return - John 14:3 - "...if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again..."

Remember:

- Romans 8:25 - if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Understanding HOPE

- 1 Peter 1:3 - he has caused us to be born again to a living hope - - - > HOW?
- This birth was made possible by the word:
- 1 Peter 1:23 - you have been born...by the...word of God...

Understanding HOPE

- Heb. 7:19 - while “...the Law made nothing perfect...on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

DRAWN to God by HOPE?

HOW SO?

Understanding HOPE

John 6:44-45 - No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.’ **Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.**

Romans 10:17 - “Now faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Understanding HOPE

T or F - “Now, hope cometh by faith and faith by the word of God.”

- **Heb. 10:23** - Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;
- **1 Peter 1:3** - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,