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- The condition of those who live without hope. (1 Cor. 15:19; Eph. 2:11-13)
- The terrible plight of those who leave this world without hope.
  - Lk. 16:24 → tormented in this flame.
  - Mk. 9:44 → fire is not quenched.
  - Rom. 2:8-9 → tribulation and anguish.
- Christians live with hope:
  - Titus 2:11-13 → it is a blessed hope.
  - Rom. 8:24 → are saved by hope.

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- What is hope?

- in the NT, "favorable and confident expectation" (contrast the Sept. in **Isa 28:19**, "an evil hope"). It has to do with the unseen and the future, **Rom 8:24, 25**. "Hope" describes(*a*) the happy anticipation of good (the most frequent significance), e.g., **Tts 1:2; 1Pe 1:21**; (Vine)
- That which is desired and has a basis of confident expectation.
- Not that which we presently have. (Rom. 8:24-25; I Cor. 13:13
  - Rom. 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

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- **What is the hope of a child of God? (Eph. 4:5)**
  - It is not...
    - “The rapture” (I Thess. 4:13-18; Acts 24:15)
    - An earthly 1,000 year kingdom. (Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 16;18; Jn. 6:15; 18:36; Lk. 19:12)
    - To live on a “remodeled earth”. (Rev. 7, 14; II Pet. 3:10-11)
    - For this world to become a better and better place. (The social gospel) The message of the gospel is to change the hearts of men, not their environment. As hearts are changed, society will become a better place. (Saul, Simon, etc.)

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- **What is the hope of a child of God?**
  - Of life after this one. (Acts 26:6)
  - An eternal inheritance. (1 Pet. 1:3-4)
  - Laid up in heaven. (Col. 1:5)
  - Eternal life. (Titus 1:2)

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- **What is the basis for hope?**
  - The promise of God, who cannot lie. (Heb. 6:18)
  - The resurrection of Jesus from the dead. (I Cor. 15:20)
  - Faith. (Heb. 11:1)
  - A life lived in accord with the word of God. (II Tim. 4:6-8)
  - Forgiveness. (Acts 2:38; I Jn. 1:7-9)

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- **What is the life lived with hope?**
  - Rejoicing in hope. (Rom. 12:12)
  - Persistence and steadfastness. (I Thess. 1:3)
  - Labor and striving. (I Tim. 4:10)
  - Courage, boldness. (II Cor. 3:12)
  - Anchor the soul. (Heb. 6:18-19)
  - Purifies our lives. (I Jn. 3:1-2)