

A photograph of a sailboat on a calm lake during sunset. The sky is filled with vibrant orange and yellow clouds, with the sun low on the horizon. The sailboat is positioned in the center-left of the frame, moving towards the viewer. The water is a deep blue, with small ripples. In the background, there's a distant shoreline and some birds flying in the sky.

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- The condition of those who live without hope. (I 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. (I 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)