

Hope

We all want hope don't we, the hope for a better day, a brighter tomorrow, the bills getting easier, a health problem, a new boy or girl friend or job. There are many things that are out of our control and we hope things will work out, we do our best to make them happen.

Our biggest hope and something many people don't think about until it's too late is the hope in the life to come. We were made for a reason and purpose and this world is just a drop in the ocean of the eternity that lies ahead for us.

The Gospel message gives us hope, that good news Jesus came and died for us, rose 3 days later having been found perfect and was eternally triumphant over his enemies and death, so that there is now no judgement for those who believe, but only everlasting joy. That's the gospel.

For the believer, the person who loves and follows Jesus, He promises to look after us to guide and keep us from Satan and his angels. Yes, we will get sick, get hurt, bad things will happen to us, that is the consequence of living in a fallen world, but Jesus will never let us fall to the enemy, we will even in the darkest moments have hope and a peace that only Jesus can give.

The bible tells us to put Him first in our lives, put the creator of everything, the one who knows the beginning from the end, make Him our focus and He will bring us safely home to be with His father, and along the way we will be blessed with joy and peace and everything our heart needs to love Him even more.

If anyone tells you God gives us everything we want they haven't read the bible, He gives us what we need. He knows what will destroy us and what will get in the way of the hope we rest in so He, like any loving father, gives us what we need to live a good life and a life pleasing to Him.

Without hope what do we have, what do we look forward to, in Jesus is hope, an eternal and loving hope that never dies. When we follow Him, when we believe we can be sure that what He promises in the bible is true because He went before us, paid the price for us, something we couldn't do and He extends that gift of eternal life to us without price, we can't earn it or work for it, through God's grace He extends it to us freely, all we have to do is believe.