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Romans 8:24-25. *For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.*

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Hebrews 11:1. *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

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4. "Faith accepts the gift of promise;
Hope confidently expects the fulfillment of promise."

Hope is a confident expectation

B. Three “Levels” of Hope

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“A life without hope becomes an unendurable misery, a burden too grievous to be borne.”

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covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

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Titus 2:13, ...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...

living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

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Romans 15:4. *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*

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Grace

2 Thessalonians 2:16. *Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace...*

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Romans 15:13. Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- c. Hope depends on knowing and living a Spirit Filled life

C. The Expression/Application of Hope

Hope is dynamic...

1. Hope has Results

a. Hope affects how we see ourselves

b. Hope affects what we value

Matthew 6:20-21. ... lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

C. The Expression/Application of Hope

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1. Hope has Results

a. Hope affects how we see ourselves

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c. Hope affects what we do with our lives

Titus 2:11-13. *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus...*

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Hope is dynamic... Continued

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b. Hope gives us protection

Psalm 33:18. Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His lovingkindness...

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b. Hope gives us protection

c. Hope gives us strength, courage, boldness

Psalm 31:24. *Be strong, and let your heart take courage, All you who hope in the LORD.*

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1 Thessalonians 4:13. *But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope.*

d. Hope gives us endurance, comfort, and confidence

in the face of death

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1 Timothy 4:10. *For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.*

e. Hope gives us confidence in ministry

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1 Peter 3:15

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always
be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you
a reason for*

the hope that is in you,

with meekness and fear...