

HOPE: Acts 23:6; 26:6-8; Heb 6:19-20

Hope of resurrection life is certain and it anchors us now.



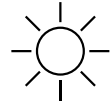
Remember – the big thing about biblical hope is that it’s a *certain* hope. It is **not** wishful thinking.

We’re going to see *what* we hope in and *why* that’s a big deal.

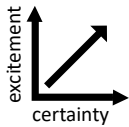
Hope

1. What kind of things do you normally hope for?
(Examples: a sunny day, a cooler day(?!), good test results, a new friend, a win, a new game, etc...)

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2. There are two things you hope for, one you’re not certain will happen and another that you are certain will happen: which are you more excited about? How does certainty change your excitement?



What we hope in

Paul stood trial in front of lots of councils and people because of what he was preaching about Jesus. We read about it in Acts. Here are two very short excerpts! (It would be good to look them up too!)

Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, ‘My brothers, I am a Pharisee, descended from Pharisees. *I stand on trial because of the hope of the resurrection of the dead.*’ **Acts 23:6**

And now it is because of *my hope in what God has promised* our ancestors that I am on trial today. ⁷This is the promise our twelve tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve God day and night. King Agrippa, it is because of this hope that these Jews are accusing me. ⁸*Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?* **Acts 26:6-8**

3. What is Paul’s **hope** as he stands trial? (Acts 23:6, in front of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish council.)

4. **Who** promised resurrection from the dead? (Acts 26:6-8) _____

5. Why does Paul think it’s a believable promise, why he can have certain hope? It’s about *who* promises it... _____

Why it’s a big deal!

Read Hebrews 6:19-20:

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek. **Heb 6:19-20**

6. What does hope do for the soul? _____

7. To ‘enter the inner sanctuary’ means to be where God is. Unholy, imperfect people can’t go there without dying. Why is it good news that Jesus has gone on our behalf? _____



If you were training for a race, what helps you keep going? If you were studying for an exam, what helps you keep going? It’s the end goal, isn’t it?

1. How does certain hope in resurrection from the dead help us keep going?
2. How often do you look forward to the certain hope of eternal life?
3. If you remembered this certain hope, how would it make a difference to normal everyday life?

sermon notes

Passage:

Date:

Preacher:

The main headings:

Doodles



New ideas or things
I learn.

Questions I want to be
answered as I listen.

✝ How does the gospel make
a difference to why
Christians grow?

What questions do you have?

What's the main application?

After the service

What do you want to share with your family from what you've heard?