

What are some kinds of things in which people put their hope, put their faith?

Examples of hope.

1. No one knows yet if anyone survived the crash. At this point, we can only hope.
2. I hope that you are feeling better soon.
3. That's what she hoped would happen.
4. Let's hope that the strike ends soon.
5. I hope I haven't bored you.
6. Everyone in your family is well, I hope.



Some have lost hope or roll their eyes at those who do have hope because they see them as foolish, not based in reality, childish or unreasonable...



What is Hope?

A definition of hope is to cherish a confident desire of anticipation or expectation.

For what did Mr. Webster hope?

The preface to the 1828 Websters American Dictionary.

“In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government, ought to be instructed... No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people.”

Everyone hopes.

Each hope requires
an element of faith.



Real faith expects or anticipates that some need or desire will **really** be met.

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In Hebrews 6:19 the Lord reveals His **hope**, this confident assurance, **we have**, is an **anchor** of the soul. It cannot slip. It cannot break down under whatever pressure bears upon it—God’s hope is a **safe** and **steadfast** hope that enters within the veil of the heavenly temple, that most Holy Place in which the very presence of God dwells.

Hope is something that is real, but is not concrete. Hope is an expectation that is real, not fake.

So the real question when someone is looking for real hope, what are you putting your faith in really? How trustworthy is the object of your faith? When you answer those questions, that determines how real your hope is.

Biblical Hope is NOT an optimistic wishy-wishy, but rather an inner God-given confidence in God’s Word and promises. Biblical hope is a light, a beacon in the darkness that cheers and strengthens the weary. Biblical hope is designed to be shared, like a smile, like a beacon in a lighthouse, like a warm campfire, like good news, like joy,

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has great mercy, and because of his mercy He gave us a new life. He gave us a living hope because Jesus Christ rose from death.” 1 Peter 1:3

“May God, the Source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in Him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13