

50 Bible Verses Everybody Should Know By Heart

Building Blocks of a Biblical Worldview – Part 6

In one of the few books in several decades written specifically to address the subject of Biblical “Hope,” Chuck Swindoll writes: “(Hope) is something as important to us as water is to a fish, as vital as electricity is to a light bulb, as essential as air is to a jumbo jet. Hope is basic to life....Without that needed spark of hope, we are doomed to a dark, grim existence. How often the word “hopeless” appears in suicide notes. And even if it isn't actually written, we can read it between the lines. Take away our hope, and our world is reduced to something between depression and despair....hope is more than wishful thinking. Hope is essential for life itself.

As we’ve set in place the building blocks of a Biblical worldview, we’ve learned solid verses about **God** (Holy, glorious Lord), **Mankind** (in God’s image, given a soul, to relate to Him, and to re-present God in this world), **Truth** (objective, absolute, affirmed and lived out by Jesus), **Authority** (found in Jesus, speaking through His Word, influencing what we believe and do), **Values** (Jesus, our Prophet, Priest, and King is our Greatest Treasure, our primary priority and our passionate pursuit), and **Ethics** (the ultimate Standard of measurement for right and wrong is God’s Word). We’ve also been exhorted to expose unfruitful works of darkness that do not conform to a Biblical Worldview (*Ephesians 5:11 = a memory verse*). Now, we move on to a very strong verse about the “oxygen of the soul”: **HOPE**.

What is HOPE?

*** HOPE is the FUTURE, OBJECTIVE, CONFIDENT, CERTAIN expectation of reaching a GUARANTEED positive desired GOAL. ***

. . . a few observations about Biblical hope . . . and a key QUESTION about hope!
It’s always future-oriented, and there’s no “ifs” about it. No uncertainty whatsoever. The KEY QUESTION: What is the REASON for our hope?

THERE’S A GREAT VERSE ON HOPE (IN A BENEDICTION): *** ROMANS 15:13 ***

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

HOPE 101 – SOME BIBLICAL BASICS ABOUT HOPE

- ➔ Warnings about false hope: *Job 8:11-15; Psm. 33:17; 146:5; Prov. 11:7*
No person should be the object of your hope. Fallen, finite, fallible people cannot bear that burden!
- ➔ Warnings about being with without hope: *Eph. 2:12; 1 Tim. 1:1-2*
No God, no hope. The connection’s always there.
- ➔ The **ANCHORS** of our hope:
 - *Psalms 130:5-6 – God’s Word is an anchor for our hopes.*
 - *1 Tim. 1:1-2 – Christ is the Ultimate Anchor. He gives us hope that sin and death will not have the final word in our lives!*
 - *1 Pet. 1:3-5; 13 – The Resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us the ultimate hope of eternity.*
 - *Acts 3:19-21 – The future restoration of all things assures us that this fallen world is not the final reality.*