

H O P E H A N D O U T

Romans **8:24** We were given this **hope** when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to **hope** for it. **25** But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.) NLT JB Phillips: "*we must settle down & wait for it with patience & composure*"

- nouns
 - Gr **elpis** = "the confident expectation of future good"
 - Heb **yachal** = "waiting with expectation"

NOTE: **Not the same** as our common vernacular word "hope", which is UNCERTAIN

- Eugene Peterson: **hope** = "**expectation of a reality that is presently being constructed but is not yet visible-----a future that God is bringing into being**"
 - often most of the immediate evidence is against it
 - hope commits us to actions that connect with God's promises
- "standard equipment" (not an option) on every Christian: "**faith, hope, love**" 1 Cor. 13

"...everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have **hope**." Romans 15:4

-----KEY SCRIPTURES THAT BUILD MY HOPE-----

- "**God's plans cannot be sabotaged.**" Job 42:2
- "Jesus Christ is the same: yesterday, today, and forever" Heb. 13:8
- "I will never leave you or forsake you" Heb. 13:5 1/2
- "God is working ALL THINGS together for the good of those who love Him..." Romans 8:28
- "Nothingwill **ever** be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus" Romans 8:39
- "...I know **the plans I have for you,**" declares **the LORD,** "**plans** to prosper **you** and not to harm **you, plans** to give **you** hope and a future." Jer. 29:11
- "He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it" Phil. 1:6
- "...the One who called you is faithful & **He will do it.**" 1 Thess. 5:23, 24
- "...ever since before you were born, I have carried you...when you are old and gray **I will still be the same.** I made you and I will care for you...I will sustain you and rescue you." Isaiah 46:3, 4