

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:11-13 (NIV)

¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:15-16 (NIV)

Status Viatoris: “Pilgrim on the Way”

“Hope, like love, is one of the very simple dispositions of the living person. In hope, man reaches ‘with restless heart,’ with confidence and patient expectation, toward the ‘not yet’ of fulfillment, whether natural or supernatural.”

“Man’s essence is in the process of becoming.”

- Josef Pieper, “On Hope”

“Optimistic people are more likely to live longer . . . [and] regulate emotions and behavior as well as bounce back from stressors and difficulties more effectively.”

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HOPE

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 8:24-25 (NIV)

Hope:

An active expectation of God's
soon-coming goodness.

Hope is *Active* Logic
Against the Negative

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Romans 4:18 (NV)

**Hope is Active Because
We Participate in What
We Anticipate**

Hope Addresses Our
Disappointments in
Light of God's
Soon-Coming Goodness

**It's Impossible to be
Biblically Optimistic About
the Future When You're
Blaming God for Hardship**

**Hope Views the Past in
Light of God's Future**