

A FUTURE HOPE
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1 CORINTHIANS 13:13, JEREMIAH 29:11 (NIV)

- Three powerful forces play a big role in our spiritual lives: faith, hope and love. Without faith we can't please God or receive from God. Love is the commandment of the New Testament. Without it, even if we give our bodies to be burned, it's to no avail, it profits us nothing.
- Hope, according to Webster, is a desire for some good thing to happen with the belief it is attainable: to win a championship, to become a doctor, lawyer, teacher, engineer, etc.
- Biblically: A motivating force that keeps us focused and on the right track with God.
 1. **1 JOHN 3:2-3** – The hope of being like Christ motivates us to purify ourselves from whatever would hinder us from achieving our goal.
 2. **ROMANS 8:22-25** – One hope all believers have is the glorified state of the body; of mortality to immortality. This hope motivates us to continue our Christian journey knowing what lies ahead. **1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-15**
 3. **1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18** – Those who believe death has the final say have no hope: no motivation to live a godly life, of seeing their loved ones again, of their own glorified future state. **1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-3**
- Hope takes us beyond the here and now and points to future experiences in God after we leave this temporal realm.
 1. **EPHESIANS 2:7** – The hope of experiencing the exceeding riches of God's grace and kindness.
 2. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:17-19** – The hope of resurrection life. If our hope only touches us now, we're miserable. Our hope goes well beyond the now of this life. **2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18**
 3. **COLOSSIANS 1:5, 23, 27** – It's a hope laid up in heaven; of the gospel; of glory!
 4. **1 THESSALONIANS 5:8** – Faith and love protect the heart, but hope keeps our head on straight. Instead of being temporal and earthly minded, hope keeps us eternal and heavenly minded.
 5. **HEBREWS 6:17-20** – Hope anchors the soul, takes us to the throne.
 6. **TITUS 2:11-15** – Hope motivates us to live every day as if Jesus is coming **“BE READY.”**
 7. **1 PETER 3:15** – There will be those who believe our belief is a fairytale. We must be ready to answer those who question the hope that is in us.
 8. **EPHESIANS 2:11-12** – Without God, people have no future hope except for an eternity of suffering.
 9. **HEBREWS 11:1** – Without hope, faith has nothing to give substance to; without love, faith doesn't work.

CONCLUSION:

David had a hope of seeing his son that died. That hope motivated him to live the rest of his days honoring God. He had the belief that death does not have the final say. His faith gave substance to his hope and that reunion took place just as he hoped. **JEREMIAH 29:11** God has a future hope worth living and striving for.