

A floating island with a castle and a city, set against a cosmic background. The island is illuminated from below, and the sky is filled with vibrant, colorful nebulae and stars. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular area in the center of the image.

# Heaven, Hell and the Christian Hope

**faith**  
**hope**  
**love**  
**endurance**  
**joy**  
**sorrow**



# **A LIVING HOPE:**

**Anchor of  
the soul**





**A world  
in need  
of hope**



remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, **having no hope and without God** in the world.

**ephesians 2:12**



But we do not want you to be  
uninformed, brothers, about those  
who are asleep, that you may not  
grieve as others do **who have  
no hope.**

**1 thess 4:13**



**A world  
in need of  
*living* hope**

**1**



***In the 19<sup>th</sup> century,  
there was great  
optimism over  
human progress.***





***Then came the 20<sup>th</sup>  
century.***



***Political changes.***

***Life's uncertainties.***

***Anxiety over the  
future.***



***Without real hope,  
existence is bleak  
and pointless.***



***In what do you  
place your hope?***



***Then what?***





**Christian  
hope is  
*certainty*  
in a *glorious*  
*future***

**2**



For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the **glory that is to be revealed to us.**

**romans 8:18**



For in this hope we were saved.  
Now hope that is seen is not hope.  
For who hopes for what he  
sees? But if we hope for what  
we do not see, **we wait for it  
with patience.**

**romans 8:24-25**



**Our hope for  
the future  
changes our  
present**



*It helps us  
hold on in  
the face of  
hardship*





And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the **full assurance of hope** until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who **through faith and patience** inherit the promises.

**Hebrews 6:11-12**



So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath,

**Hebrews 6:17-20**



so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have **strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.**

**Hebrews 6:17-20**



We have this as a **sure and steadfast anchor of the soul**, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf...

**Hebrews 6:17-20**



*It gives us  
joy in the  
midst of  
suffering*





Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again **to a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**1 peter 1:3-9**



to an inheritance that is  
imperishable, undefiled, and  
unfading, kept in heaven for you,  
who by God's power are being  
guarded through faith for a  
salvation ready to be revealed  
in the last time.

**1 peter 1:3-9**



In this you **rejoice**, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been **grieved** by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—

**1 peter 1:3-9**



may be found to result in praise  
and glory and honor at the  
revelation of Jesus Christ.

**1 peter 1:3-9**



Though you have not seen him,  
you love him. Though you do not  
now see him, you believe in him  
and **rejoice with joy that is  
inexpressible and filled with  
glory**, obtaining the outcome  
of your faith, the salvation of  
your souls.

**1 peter 1:3-9**





Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, **set your hope fully** on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**1 peter 1:13**



Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we **rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

**romans 5:1-5**



Not only that, but we **rejoice**  
**in our sufferings**, knowing that  
suffering produces endurance,  
and endurance produces character,  
and **character produces hope**

**romans 5:1-5**



**hope does not put us to shame,**  
because God's love has been  
poured into our hearts through  
the Holy Spirit who has been given  
to us.

**romans 5:1-5**



**Rejoice in hope,** be **patient in tribulation,** be constant in prayer.

**romans 12:12**



May **the God of hope** fill you with all **joy** and **peace** in **believing**, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may **abound in hope.**

**romans 15:13**

