A Journey Through Psalms
The Hope Of Christ
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Christian HOPE Defined:

Christian hope is the _____ of the blessings founded in Christ Jesus fully realized in my life.

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1. Through Christ people can know the hope found in _____.

Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins. Psalm 130:7-8 NIV

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 NIV

Grab This!

_____ is the expression of the hope — the "*confident assurance*" — we have in Jesus.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:8-9 NIV

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2. Through Christ people can know the hope of an _____ _____ for their faith.

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. Psalm 62:5-8 NIV

Don't Miss This!

If you build your spiritual life on a weak foundation it will cost you _____ _____.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11 NIV

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3. Through Christ people can know the hope of eternal _____.

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" (1-3)

These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. Psalm 42:1-5 NIV

Grab This!
When you are discouraged... when anxiety or depression is real in your life... seek to adjust your _____off your circumstances and onto _____.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23 NIV

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4. Through Christ people can know the hope of God's _____ in their life today.

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:1-5 NIV

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. Titus 2:11-14 NIV

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5. Through Christ people can know the hope of _____.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:9-11 NIV

Grab This!
Christians have the blessed hope in Christ of being _____ and enjoying eternal life.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. 1 Peter 1:3-4a NIV

The Bottom Line
The Christian has _____ because of what Christ Jesus has done for us.

...The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:26-27 NIV

The Challenge
Where do you need to experience the hope found in Christ in your life?