

Colossians Complement #1

Heavenly Hope

Colossians Book Chart

Exaltation of Jesus Christ and the believer's connection to Him				Application of Jesus Christ to the life of a believer			
Greeting 1:1-2	Doctrine 1:3-23	Concern 1:24-2:7	Warning 2:8-23	Exhortation 3:1-17	Instruction 3:18-4:1	Reminders 4:2-6	Salutations 4:7-18
Chapter 1-2				Chapter 3-4			
Theme: Jesus is Enough							

A. Hope in Colossians:

- 1:5 – Thank God that believers have HOPE laid up in heaven
- 1:23 – Encouragement to cling to the HOPE of the gospel
- 1:27 – Jesus Christ, who is the HOPE of glory, is in you
- 3:4 – You will appear with Christ when He appears; this hope leads to application
- 3:23-24 – You ultimately serve Jesus Christ, knowing (based on hope) about your inheritance

B. Hope defined:

- NT Greek word for hope: _____ Strong's G1680 – noun, from a primary verb *ἐλπō* (to anticipate, usually with pleasure); expectation (abstractly or concretely) or confidence:—faith, hope.
- OT Hebrew word for hope: _____ Strong's H983 – adverb or noun... safely:—assurance, boldly, (without) care(-less), confidence, hope, safe(-ly, -ty), secure, surely.
 - Example: Psalm 16:9, quoted in Acts 2:26

Examples where the thing hoped for is related to resurrection, eternal life, and salvation:

- Acts 2:26
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13
- 1 John 3:3

C. The Jewish hope of eternity

- Paul made sure the Jews who opposed his ministry knew that his emphasis was the hope of their fathers, which is resurrection unto eternal life through _____ the Messiah/Christ (Acts 23:6, 24:15, 26:6-7).

- Jesus' ministry to Jews focused on the hope of entering or inheriting the eternal _____ of the Messiah (Matthew 5:20, Luke 18:15-30, John 3:3-18).

D. Three ways "hope" of eternal life is used in the New Testament:

1. The _____ or _____ of hope
 - 1 Timothy 1:1
 - Colossians 1:27
2. The one who is the _____ for hope
 - 1 Peter 1:21
3. The _____ hoped for
 - Titus 2:13; 3:7
 - Colossians 1:5, 23
 - 1 Peter 3:15 (the thing hoped for, which is eternal life, is implied)

E. The hope of salvation and the doctrine of eternal security

Does Jesus sound sure when He makes promises of eternal life for the believer?

- John 5:24, John 6:47, John 10:25-30

Does Peter sound sure when he writes of our eternal hope (1 Peter 1:3-5)?

- How is our hope described?
- What characteristic of God is credited with providing this hope?
- What event is the reason our hope is alive?
- How is the hoped-for inheritance described?
- Whose power is responsible to keeping this hope alive?
- How did you receive this hope of salvation?