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The word (HOPE) is mentioned 133 times in the Bible. Hope is the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in his faithfulness. The word in Hebrew (Tikvah), however is more solid. In Hebrew the word means expectation-and also means cord or rope, which comes from the root word that means to bind or to wait for or upon.

The word in the New Testament is from the Greek word Elpis. According to Strong's Concordance, Elpis means expectation, trust, and confidence. It comes from the root word elpo, which means to anticipate (with pleasure) and to welcome.

Psalms 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Romans 8:24-25 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Romans 5:3-4 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

Proverbs: 10-28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-14 But I would not have you to be ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Ephesians 2:12-13 That at the time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Hebrews 6: 18- 19 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.

2 Corinthians 3: 12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

Jesus the sinless Son of God died to pay the penalty of our sins and rose from the dead so we might be redeemed and renewed. Jesus not only came to bring hope He is our hope. He came to call and draw those who without his grace would continue to live for themselves. What is the source of hope? The psalmist recognized that God is the source of our hope He declared, **Psalms 39:7** And now Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

In conclusion in **1 Peter 1: 3-4** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

God's Peace

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