

## Outline

A Day is Coming

The Three Cords of Hope

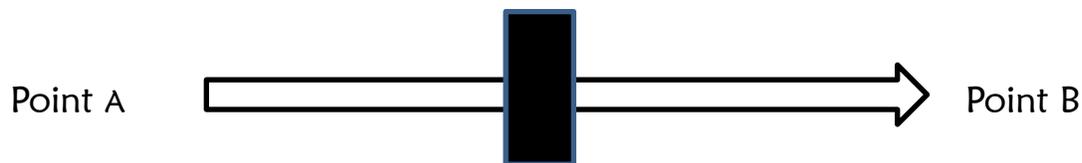
“When you take the time to imagine more vividly, want more deeply, and believe more clearly, you hope more strongly.” ~ John Ortberg

“For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.” Romans 8:24-25

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

Biblical Hope

Modern Research on Hope



Plotting Your Hopefulness

100% Optimistic -----“100% Pessimistic

A Prayer to Use: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

## Christian Hope

This priest, suffering from the coronavirus, gave up his ventilator to give to a younger patient and has died. His name was Don Giuseppe Berardelli. He was 72 years old, from Bergamo. [pic.twitter.com/3N1ONTxFjO](https://pic.twitter.com/3N1ONTxFjO)

## Optimism vs. Christian Hope

Optimism: “is a predisposition to expect things to turn out well. It’s a personality trait that usually focuses on circumstances. “

“Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously headed for early success, but, rather, an ability to work for something because it is good, not just because it stands a chance to succeed. The more unpropitious the situation in which we demonstrate hope, the deeper that hope is. Hope is definitely not the same thing as optimism. It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out. In short, I think that the deepest and most important form of hope, the only one that can keep us above water and urge us to good works, and the only true source of the breathtaking dimension of the human spirit and its efforts, is something we get, as it were, from “elsewhere.”

~Vaclav Havel

## The Root of Hope

## The Context for Paul’s Teaching on Christian Hope

## What Romans Put Their Hope In

## What Romans Valued Most & Its Limits

Groaning

Nikao: “Conquer’

Romans 5

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character...” (vss. 3-4)

“and character, hope.” (vs. 4)

“And hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” (vs. 5)

How Romans View the Future

How Christians View the Future

What Gets in the Way of Our Future (Hope)

“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. (Shocking...God did what?)Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.” (They would agree with this part) But

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”  
(vss. 6-8)

## Why Hope Does NOT Disappoint

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us... We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruit of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.” Romans 8:18, 22-23

## We Groan Like Everyone Else....

### Other Hardships We Face

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? (or corona virus, shutdowns, job loss, financial hardships, masks, ... you fill in your own hardships)... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:35, 38-39

Hold onto Hope!