

The Christian's Hope

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1. There is ***“one hope,”*** just as there is one God and Father, one Lord, one Spirit, one body (the church, see Ephesians 1:22-23), one faith, and one baptism. **Ephesians 4:4-6**
2. **What** is this one hope? Titus 1 :2: *“In hope of eternal life.”* 1 John 2:25: *“This is the promise which he has promised us, even eternal life.”* Titus 3:7: Those justified by God’s grace are made heirs according to *“the hope of eternal life.”*
3. **Where** is this hope to be realized? Colossians 1:5: *“Because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens.”* Philippians 3:20: *“For our citizenship is in heaven.”* Hebrews 6:20-21: *“Which we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and stedfast and entering into that which is within the veil; whither as a forerunner Jesus entered for us.”*
4. **When** will it be realized? 1 Peter 1:3: *“Begot us again unto a living hope.”* 1 Peter 1:4: *“Unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved In heaven for you.”* 1 Peter 1: 5: *“Who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”* 1 Peter 1 :9: *“Receiving the end of you faith, even the salvation of your souls.”*
5. **Have Christians, while living this life, already realized this hope?** Romans 8:24-25: *“For in hope were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: for who hopeth for that which he seeth? But if we hope for that which we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.”* Hebrews 6:18-20: *“We may have strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us: which we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and stedfast and entering into that which is within the veil; whither as a forerunner Jesus entered for us, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”* Titus 2: 13: *“Looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”*

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