

Resurrect Hope in Others Ephesians 1:15-23



In biblical usage, “hope” always conveys the sense of confident expectation of God’s _____ and _____, even despite the adverse realities of the current situation.

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,

Paul prayed that his readers might know God _____ and _____.

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

Hope gives _____ to the Christian life.

20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Paul wants the readers to know that God called them to live in hope—the confident expectation of God’s _____, _____, and _____.

5 Ways to Resurrect Hope in Others

1. **Be** _____. Make Christ your treasure. 1 Peter 3:15

2. _____. Jesus was a friend of sinners. A characteristic of a good friend is being a good _____.

3. **Remember that you are part of a** _____. A priest talks to God about people and talks to people about God.

4. **Focus on the** _____.

- God’s _____
- Our _____
- God’s _____
- Our _____

5. **Let the aroma of God’s** _____ be what people remember after every conversation and interaction.

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