



EASTER SUNDAY

On Hope and Time

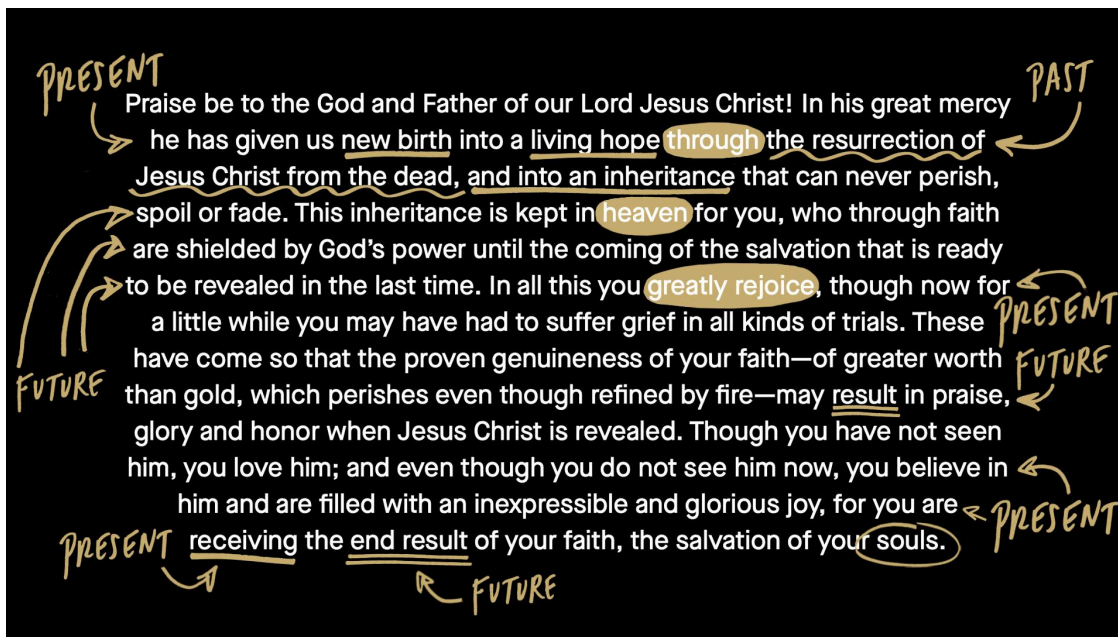
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1 Peter 1:3-9

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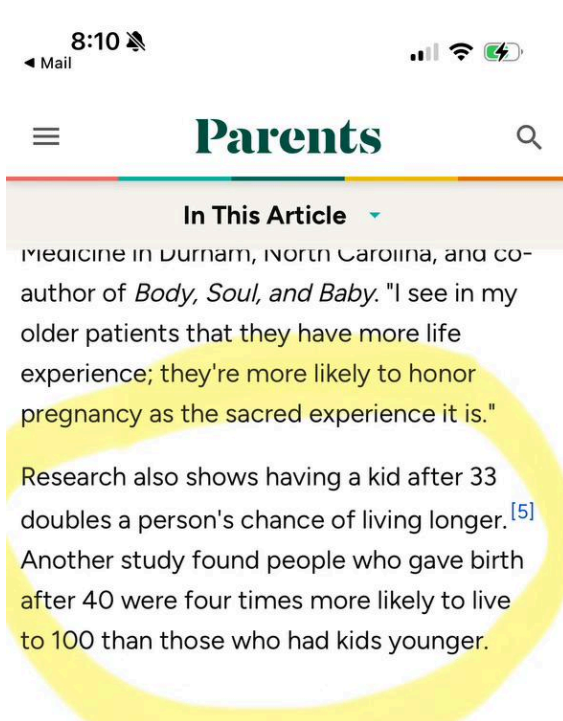
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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



“Human beings are driven by their views of their own future.”

- Viktor Frankl

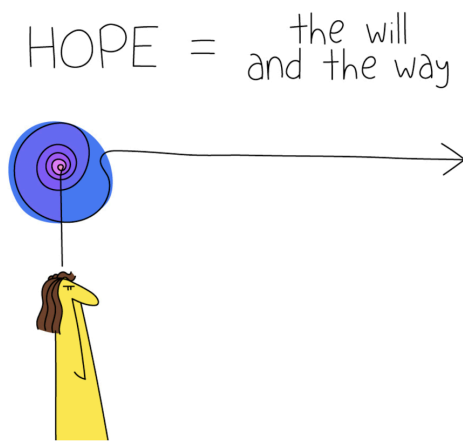


“Hope is:

1. a clear and specific goal

2. agency thinking. Belief you have control over what you do, that your actions matter, and you can impact the results in your life.
 3. pathways thinking. You see a path, have a path, or can create multiple paths from where you are now to your goal.”
- Benjamin Hardy

Hope is the Will and the Way



What are the distinct characteristics of Christian hope?

Christian hope is Eschatological.

Christian hope is hope in God's Future.

“We do not rest satisfied with the present. We anticipate the future as too slow in coming, as if in order to hasten its course; or we recall the past, to stop its too rapid flight. So imprudent are we that we wander in times which are not ours, and do not think of the only one which belongs to us; and so idle are we that we dream of those times which are no more, and thoughtlessly overlook that which alone exists...We scarcely ever think of the present; and if we think of it, it is only to take light from it to arrange the future. The present is never our end. The past and the present are our means; the future alone is our end. So we never live, but we hope to live; and, as we are always preparing to be happy, it is inevitable we should never be so?”

- Blaise Pascal, Pensées

Revelation 1:4

Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come...

“God’s future is not that He will be as He was and is, but that He is on the move and coming towards the world!”

- Jürgen Moltmann

Revelation 21:5 [ESV]

“Behold I make all things new.”

1 Peter 1:9

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“I am neither an optimist or a pessimist. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead.”

- Leslie Newbigin

“The message of the resurrection is that this present world matters; that the problems and pains of this present world matter; that the living God has made a decisive bridgehead into this present world with his healing and all conquering love; and that, in the name of this strong love, all the evils, all the injustices and all the pains of the present world must now be addressed with the news that healing, justice and love have won the day. That's why we pray 'Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven'. Make no bones about it: Easter Day was the first great answer to that prayer.”

- N.T. Wright

Christian hope is not about the future it's about the present. Because it's about God's future breaking into the present.

Romans 4:17

[He] is the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.