

The Road to Hope
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The word **hope** means an expectation of something good or something you desire.

Proverbs 13:12-NKJV

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but *when the desire comes, it is* a tree of life.

Passion-12When hope's dream seems to drag on and on, the delay can be depressing. But when at last your dream comes true, life's sweetness will satisfy your soul.

Hebrews 6:11-Passion

But we long to see you passionately advance until the end and you find your hope fulfilled.

Romans 15:13-AMP

May the God of your hope so fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound and be overflowing (bubbling over) with hope.

WE HAVE HOPE BECAUSE OF OUR RIGHT STANDING WITH THE LORD.

Romans 5:1-5-NKJV

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 4:6-7-Passion

6 Even King David himself speaks to us regarding the complete wholeness that comes inside a person when God's powerful declaration of righteousness is heard over our life. Apart from our works, God's work is enough.

7 Here's what David says: What happy fulfillment is ahead for those whose rebellion has been forgiven and whose sins are covered by blood.

THE ROAD TO HOPE GOES THROUGH TRIBULATION AND AFFLICTION.

Rom. 5:2-3 **2** ...and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations,...

1Peter 4:12-13-Passion

12 Beloved friends, if life gets extremely difficult, with many tests, don't be bewildered as though something strange were overwhelming you.

13 Instead, continue to rejoice, for you, in a measure, have shared in the sufferings of the Anointed One so that you can share in the revelation of his glory and celebrate with even greater gladness!

Romans 15:5-AMP

Now may the God Who gives the power of patient endurance (steadfastness) and Who supplies encouragement, grant you to live in such mutual harmony and such full sympathy with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ...

THE ROAD TO HOPE GOES THROUGH CHARACTER, OR EXPERIENCE.

Rom. 5:4...Perseverance brings about character

Passion...And patient endurance will refine our character, ...

Act 27:20-NKJV

Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up.

Philippians 1:21-24-Passion

21 My true life is the Anointed One, and dying means gaining more of him.

22-24 *So here's my dilemma:* Each day I live means bearing more fruit in my ministry; yet I fervently long to be liberated from this body and joined fully to Christ. That would suit me fine, but the greatest advantage to you would be that I remain alive. So, you can see why I'm torn between the two—I don't know which I prefer.

Romans 8:24-25-Passion

24 For this is the hope of our salvation. But **hope** means that we must trust and wait for what is still unseen. For why would we need to hope for something we already have?

25 So because our hope is set on what is yet to be seen, we patiently keep on waiting for its fulfillment.