

# Assured Hope For The Future

This world is fast losing hope in the future.

Leaders and politicians have to hide the facts in order that the public can have any hope in the way society is heading.

Plans for reform are put forward with little hope of their being successful.

The United Nations have proved to be all words with very little action and far from being united.

**Proverbs 10:28** [Amplified Bible] “... *the expectations of the wicked [those who are out of harmony with God] shall come to nothing.*”

Why is this?

The Amplified Bible gives the answer in its amplification of this scripture.

The Creator God does **not** have any place in the thinking and plans of the majority of people.

**Job 31:24-28** [NIV] “*If I have put my trust in gold or said to pure gold, ‘You are my security,’ if I have rejoiced over my great wealth, the fortune my hands had gained, if I have regarded the sun in its radiance or the moon moving in splendour, so that my heart was secretly enticed and my hand offered them a kiss of homage, then these also would be sins to be judged, for I would have been unfaithful to God on high.*”

Most people put their hope in wealth or other physical objects and denied even the existence of the Creator God.

**1 Corinthians 13:13** [NIV] “*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*”

Much has been written about faith and love, but little about hope.

**Yet it is hope that links faith with love.**

Hope, it would seem, is a psychological necessity if human beings are to envisage any future at all.

**Even when there is no rational grounds for hope in the future, humans seem to still continue to hope.**

Such hope that this society does have is very transient and illusory.

**Ephesians 2:12** [NIV] “*remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.*”

Paul calls this hope that humans have in a world without God as “*without hope.*”

**1 Thessalonians 4:13** [NIV] “*Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.*”

Those who are **not** Christians, who have **not** accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour, have **no** hope after death.

Where there is belief in an all-powerful eternal God who acts and intervenes in human lives, and who can be trusted to implement His promises, hope in the biblical sense becomes possible.

This hope, that is shown in the Christian Bible, is **not** the hope that those without God in their lives can ever have.

Biblical hope is:-

**Not** a matter of temperament.

**Not** conditioned by prevailing circumstances.

**Not** limited to human possibilities.

**Not** dependent on physical possessions.

**Not** dependent on what we as human beings can do in our own strength.

One Biblical example of this hope is Abraham.

**Romans 4:18-23** [NIV] *“Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead, since he was about a hundred years old, and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness, for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.”*

Nothing in the physical life of Abraham and his wife could justify the hope that Sarah would give him a son in his old age.

It was only because of his belief and hence hope in his Creator God that Abraham could have hope of a son against all human hope or as Paul called it *“no hope.”*

Note this example of Abraham was written for all humanity to profit from.

**Biblical hope is inseparable from faith in the Creator God.**

Biblical hope is founded on –

- a) What God has done in the past as recorded in the Christian Bible.
- b) What God is now doing through Jesus Christ as our Saviour and High Priest.

**2 Corinthians 1:10** [NIV] *“He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,”*

- c) A Christian dares to expect, in hope, a future blessing from the same God whose *“track record”* is expounded in the Christian Bible.
- d) Forgiveness of our past sins.
- e) Healing us of our physical sickness.

**James 5:14:15** [NIV] *“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.”*

f) Promises us a resurrection from the dead.

**1 Corinthians 15:19-23** [NIV] *“If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.”*

g) The Christian’s joy is based on the hope they have in Jesus Christ.

**Romans 12:12** [NIV] *“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*

h) This hope Christians have is infectious, even those who do **not** believe in God can be infected.

**Romans 15:4, 9** [NIV] *“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” ... “so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name.”*

**Colossians 1:26-27** [NIV] *“the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”*

What Jesus Christ is doing in and through Christians is the only hope of those who as yet do **not** know the true Creator God.

**Christians are the only hope that this society, who is without God, can ever have.**

Hope is also a key to our own salvation.

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

Hope is a motivation for us to seek to be part of the Kingdom of God, the created family of God and so receive the gift of eternal life.

This hope gives us the patience to wait for that day to dawn.

**Romans 8:18-23** [NIV] *“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. 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 firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”*

All of physical creation and those who as yet do **not** know the true God of the Christian Bible, mostly without knowing it, are waiting for the day when what we hope for will be a reality.

That will be fulfilled at the return of Jesus Christ the Saviour of all humanity.

## **How are we saved by hope?**

a) **Hope links faith and love**

Hope leads us from faith to the very mind of God, that is love.

Example of this.

We have faith in the Word of God, the Christian Bible, faith that it is the true Word of God.

This Word of God tells us to *“love our enemies.”*

**Matthew 5:44** [NIV] *“But I tell you: **Love your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you,”*

We hope that they one day will understand why they were created, and like us seek to enter into the Created Family of God.

Such hope will encourage us to love our enemies instead of hating them.

#### **b) Hope generates a positive attitude towards the future**

**Ezekiel 33:11** [NIV] *“Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?’”*

God has this positive attitude towards the future of all humanity, even those who are rebellious against Him and His way of life.

**2 Peter 3:9** [NIV] *“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. **He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**”*

God is very positive towards His hope for all humanity.

**Satan in complete contrast cannot have any hope for his future or the future of all the demons who follow him.**

**James 2:19** [NIV] *“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that, and shudder.”*

The demons know what God has said in His Word, the Christian Bible, about their end, and as a result have no hope for their future.

What then is Satan and his demons’ reaction to this lack of hope?

**Revelation 12:9** [NIV] *“The great dragon was hurled down, that ancient serpent called the devil, or **Satan, who leads the whole world astray.** He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.”*

It is Satan and his demons who are infecting the whole of humanity with this negative, no hope, for the future.

They want as many humans as possible to join them in their hopeless end, cut off from the Creator and in outer darkness of oblivion.

#### **c) Hope aids us in never giving in, whatever our present circumstances**

Hope helps us to say *“when”* **not** *“if”* we become part of the created family of God.

**John 1:12-13** [NIV] *“Yet to all who received him, **to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.**”*

Because of what the risen Jesus Christ has done for us, we have the right to be called created children of God.

**1 John 3:1-3 [NIV]** *“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.”*

What a powerful motivation to remain faithful to God’s Word, the Christian Bible, and God’s way of life.

#### **d) Hope is a great defence against evil**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-8 [NIV]** *“Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety”, destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.”*

Hope is the helmet that protects our mind from the onslaught of Satan and his motivated evil in society.

**Ephesians 6:10-12 [NIV]** *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”*

The battle we are involved in is a “spiritual battle” that takes place in our mind.

Wrong and evil thoughts are being injected into our minds by Satan and his demons to lead us away from God, His Word and way of life.

**Ephesians 6:13-18 [NIV]** *“Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”*

We need all of this “spiritual battle armour” which includes the “helmet of hope.”

#### **e) Hope gives us stability in our life**

**Hebrews 6:10-12 [NIV]** *“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.”*

Hope is **not** static, it motivates us to actively fulfilling the work God has given us to do.

**Hebrews 6:13-15 [NIV]** *“When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no-one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.” And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.”*

Abraham is an example of a man who constantly held on to the hope that God would fulfil what He had promised. A son by Sarah who would inherit the amazing future that God had said would be Abraham's and his descendants.

**Hebrews 6:16-19** [NIV] *“Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,”*

Our hope is anchored in the eternal promise that it is impossible for our Creator God to lie.

When we drop an anchor overboard we cannot see the bottom where it will rest, we hope it will find a place where it will have a sure hold.

Likewise we cannot see the eternal spiritual world, but because God cannot lie, our hope is anchored in a safe place, and we can experience stability in our lives.

**Hebrews 11:1** [NIV] *“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”*

Because of our faith in God's love and promises, even what we cannot see with the human eye, becomes very real.

#### **f) A Christian will never be disappointed by their hope**

**Romans 5:5** [NIV] *“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”*

Here once again hope is linked to Christian, spiritual activity.

The Greek word translated “into” is “en” which can also be translated “through”, which I believe is a more accurate translation.

I base this belief on what Jesus states on the last day of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, which portrays the new world that will come at Christ's return.

**John 7:37-39** [NIV] *“On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.”*

The Holy Spirit **cannot** be static, He must always be flowing through us, empowering us to reach others with the good news of what Jesus Christ has done for all humanity and will continue to do in even greater measure on His return to this earth.

#### **g) The pathway to Christian hope**

**Romans 5:1** [NIV] *“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”*

We are justified, made right with our Creator God, by faith in what Jesus Christ has done for us through His human birth, life, death and resurrection as the only non-created Son of God.

**Romans 5:2** [NIV] *“through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.”*

The “*glory of God*” is referring to our future eternal glorified body in the created family of God.

**1 Corinthians 15:49-54** [NIV] *“And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”*”

This resurrection and the change of physical bodies to a spiritual eternal body will come about at Christ’s return.

The mention of the “*last trumpet*” indicates when this event will take place, [read about the events that surround the sounding of the seventh trumpet in **Revelation 11:15-19** [NIV] the return of Jesus Christ to take over the rulership of the earth.]

**Romans 5:3** [NIV] *“Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;”*

We come to realise that suffering in all its various forms is a test of our faith in God and are a part of our path to being glorified with Jesus Christ.

**Romans 5:4** [NIV] *“perseverance, character; and character, hope.”*

Patiently enduring the trials that come to us in life produces in us godlike character.

Then **experiencing the direct intervention in our trials by the Living Creator God gives us hope.**

**Romans 5:5** [NIV] *“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”*

This hope will come to fulfilment by the indwelling and outworking of the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 5:6** [NIV] *“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.”*

When we realise our total dependency on God for accomplishing anything of lasting value in our lives, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Saviour opens up for us the unlimited power of God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

**John 15:5** [NIV] *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

When we acknowledge this as true then we can have confident hope in our resurrection to eternal life.

**1 Corinthians 15:19-20** [NIV] *“If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”*

If the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ **only** cleanses us of our sins in this life, we could have **no** hope of a future life.

**1 Timothy 1:1** [NIV] *“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope,”*

Jesus Christ is our Saviour today and our hope of eternal life.

**2 Timothy 2:1** [NIV] *“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”*

A promise of eternal life that is our hope.

**Colossians 1:5** [NIV] *“the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel”*

While we live as physical human beings three things are being stored in the safest place in the universe.

- a) **The faith** we have in Jesus Christ as our Saviour.
- b) **The love** we express in our actions, for God and our fellow human beings.
- c) **Our hope** that is the end product of our faith and love.

**1 Peter 1:13-16** [NIV] *“Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”*

With the hope that a Christian has it is impossible for them to be satisfied with the transient pleasures that are offered by this Satan-motivated society.

**Hebrews 13:14** [Living Bible] *“For this world is **not** our home; we are looking forward to our everlasting home being prepared for us at this time in heaven.”*

**Christians have been described as a group of people who have given up the present for a hope that is in the future.**

**John 14:1-3** [NIV] *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I am going there to prepare a place for you.** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”*

Jesus is referring to the same city that Abraham looked forward to living in with Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 21:1-5** [NIV] *“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. **I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. **He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.**” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “**Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.**”*

This is the wonderful new world that our hope is directed towards.

**Hope is often linked with faith and love.**

**By this connection with faith and love the Christian hope is freed from selfishness.**

**Our Christian hope is a hope for the sharing of our blessings of the future with other human beings to love our neighbour as ourselves is to seek to do, all that is made available to us by God, to make them aware of the hope we have in Jesus Christ.**

**1 Peter 3:15** [NIV] *“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,”*

**The Christian hope is a selfless hope**, desiring to share their glorious future with as many people whom they share this present human life with.

Even our enemies, who are only our enemies because they do **not** know the love of the Only One true Creator God whom Jesus Christ came to reveal to all humanity.

**John 14:8-11** [NIV] *“Philip said, ‘Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.’ Jesus answered: ‘Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.”*

**The life, and loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ shows us the character of our Creator God.**

**John 14:12-14** [NIV] *“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”*

The hope that Jesus Christ brings to us must motivate us to continue the work of love and personal sacrifice that Jesus Christ expressed.

**Romans 12:1-2** [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

The Christian life is one of thankful sacrifice to share with other human beings the hope they have in a future eternal life.

**Human hope in this life and world just is not big enough to bring lasting satisfaction.**

This is where the Creator God of the Christian Bible must step into our lives.

Our Creator God is the **only** being who holds out to us a hope that goes beyond the purposes and the goals of this present life.

**Matthew 6:31-34** [NIV] *“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”*

The Creator God of the Christian Bible offers us a challenge to seek first in our lives a goal that will motivate us all through our human life.

A goal that will **not** be fulfilled in this present human life.

A goal that is beyond the grave.

A reason to live and sacrifice for.

An eternal hope for an eternal future that is a life based on love for God and all other human beings.

Someone once said a very wise yet strange thing, *“the only thing worth living for is that for which you are willing to die for.”*

God’s hope for all humanity comes into this category.

In Jesus Christ God was willing to die for this hope He has for all human beings.

**John 3:16** [NIV] *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

The ultimate expression of the Creator God’s love for all humanity.

**Romans 6:3-13** [NIV] *“Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin, because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. **Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.”***

The description of how we are to conduct our Christian lives in response to what the Creator God of the Christian Bible has done for all humanity.

**Isaiah 9:6-7** [NIV] *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.** He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.”*

**The hope that the Creator God has set before Himself will never be completely fulfilled.**

God wants us to join Him in this eternal hope of sharing His love and compassion with a never-ending number of other beings.

**1 Peter 3:15** [NIV] *“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.** But do this with gentleness and respect,”*

Perhaps this scripture has a deeper meaning to all of us now.

**This is the motivating force behind this website, for it to be a Handbook for Eternal Life for as many human beings as possible.**

That they may, as a result of being introduced to the Christian Bible, come to know, worship and love the Creator God and share in the hope He has for all humanity.

**Romans 15:13** [NIV] *“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.”*