

2. Peter: Faith & Hope

Through Him you have come to trust in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. 1 Peter 1.21

But we had hoped that He was the One to redeem Israel. Luke 24.21

Faith and hope are different sides of the same coin, both are manifestations of the _____ Reality: God's loved revealed in Jesus Christ! We only have faith because God is faithful, and we only have hope because God raised the crucified Christ from the dead, and now He is our hope!

Biblical faith and its companion, hope, have concrete implications for the _____ we make in our lives. It all comes down to "in what or in whom do I trust?" "In what and in whom do I trust" has ethical and moral implications for my life and the choices I make.

It is really important that we think clearly about God. For our ideas about _____ determine much in life. Wrong thinking about God inevitably leads to disappointment with God.

Jesus had sorely disappointed them! They ***had hoped that He was the One. But He was the _____!*** So, how is it that they were sorely disappointed?

They had wrong ideas about God which led to false hopes, which led to profound disappointment. Wrong thinking about God leads to false hope, and false hope _____ leads to disappointment!

Unbelief and false hope are grounded in unclear thinking. Faith and hope are grounded in _____ thinking. Clear thinking is essential to life and essential to our walk with Christ. Clear thinking reveals Reality, and faith and hope are forever linked to Reality.

Reality is what is real, not what we necessarily think or _____. Jesus Christ is Reality, the Reality behind all reality!

Faith and hope, are forever joined with Reality: our _____.

Hope is to the _____ what blood is to the body. We can't live without hope; our souls wither without hope. The question is, in what or in whom do I hope! There is only one answer that ultimately will not disappoint us:

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