Natural or carnal Hope: I sure hope my team wins on saturday? Or I sure Hope the weather is nice tomorrow? You're not sure, a 50/50 chance

<u>Hope</u> **1** a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen: • a person or thing that may help or save someone: • grounds for believing that something good will happen: Biblical Hope:

2 a feeling of trust, faith, believing. In other words your 100% sure.

All scripture references are from the KJV, most other versions will probably give you a different meaning.

<u>Hebrews 11:1</u>\* Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Romans 5:5\* And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 8:25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

James 1:3\* Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

Romans 5:2-5 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- <u>3</u> And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
- 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
- <u>5</u> And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

To many professing Christians, hoping means no more than wishful thinking, how sad. Rather then Faith, Trust and Believing.

I have always said that if you want to examine yourself as to IF you are Heaven material, read Revelation 21:8

Now I know that there are many people that won't examine themselves for fear of what they may find out about themselves.

Revelation 21:7 But the fearful, (fear is not of God 2Timothy 1:7\*) and unbelieving, (Most denominations teach unbelief of some kind, tongues are not for today, Things ceased when the last Apostle died, there are no Apostles today, Jesus's atonement covers sin but not healing's). There are many more doctrinal subjects and if you follow them, then the unbelieving in this verse refers to you. and the abominable, (loathsome, detestable, stink). and murderers, (deliberate death wether physical or by word of mouth). and whoremongers, (people living common law, divorced without proper cause). and sorcerers, (witchcraft, magician, pharmacies or dopers). and idolaters, (people that pray to anything or anyone other than God or Jesus, hold figurines sacred, also to covet). and all liars, (lies or falsities,

half truths). shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Now you don't have to be a Philadelphia lawyer to figure if this applies to you, nor do you have to read 101 different bible commentaries to see if it applies to you. Ask Jesus to show you the truth AND THEN TRUST HIM TO QUICKEN YOUR SPIRIT AS TO WHAT DOES AND DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU. COMMENTARIES are MANS OPINION, The BIBLE is absolute truth, it's Gods OPINION.

Most religious people will sooner listen to man's opinion (commentary) rather then the Holy spirit, 1Jo 2:27, 1Cor 2:12-16

You see, if you trust mans opinion or the commentary, it is your carnal nature you are feeding and not the spiritual mind. To feed the spiritual you, it takes faith (the just shall live by FAITH)

Satan tries everything he can to steal our faith and trust and reliance on the Holy Spirit. Now man means well, but every news media preacher that thinks their special has come out with a bible and commentary of their own. Now if there was only one part to the body of Christ this would probably work but we are all distinct members, 1Co 12:14 -22

Hardly anybody wants to take the time and effort to be taught by the Holy Spirit, it is quicker and a lot easier to listen to man and our carnal nature (if man teaches, you are standing the chance of learning it wrong) If you rely on the Holy Spirit to teach you, Then when you here it from man or read it in a commentary. You will have the witness in your spirit that it's true, but there will be some things you will also have the witness in your Spirit of the things that aren't so true. You see why it is so vitally important that you BELIEVE ALL the bible and trust God to teach you.

The religious forget that it's by Grace THROUGH Faith, not works. <u>Eph 2:8</u> The religious will never miss their church going and will condemn anyone that don't believe and act like they do. REMEMBER Saul of Tarsus, he was very religious until he got saved and became the Apostle Paul, his teachings are ALL ABOUT believing and trusting God, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Doing things or attending things will not make you in right standing with our Lord **BUT** if Faith has preeminence in these works he will say. "Well Done thou Good and Faithful Servant."

Hope is positive faith!

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