

*"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the Hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" 1 Peter 3:15 KJV*

Do you HOPE the Gospel is true, or is the Gospel your HOPE? I don't HOPE New Year's will come, I KNOW it will. I HOPE a good time is had by all, but I never doubt the date! You can't give a proper answer if you don't possess a proper HOPE. HOPE is the expectation of an unrealized certainty, otherwise it's just wishing! *"Hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."* Many religions and people have false hope NEVER promised in God's Word! We have proof of eternal Life in the resurrection of Jesus' body from the tomb, His subsequent ascension, and the multitudes of written records by eyewitnesses. Eyewitness testimony is indisputable evidence even in the corrupt court system that now prevails. Eyewitness testimony is never questioned, but the integrity of the witness is often challenged. If there are many eyewitnesses, the case is open and shut; a slam-dunk. In a witness's absence, an affidavit, a witnessed written record of their testimony is just as valid. When historians find record of an ancient event, they are pleased, but when the event is corroborated by several records, it becomes fact. We have numerous written corroborating records of Christ's resurrection and miracles, but learned men still will not accept them as facts. They label them as "myths" because the puny intellects they worship and the human reason they hold sacred cannot cope with the supernatural dimension of eternity and the God who is its Master! God's Word defies human reason. *"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," saith the LORD. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.'* Truth must first be learned, and then believed to be understood. Even then there are many things about God that must be just accepted and believed. God has given us creation to verify His faithfulness and power. When has the sun never risen? Have the moon's cycles ever failed? Has the air ever failed your nostrils? Have the stars ever disappeared? God's faithfulness is taken for granted by the same men that doubt His Word!



Our hope in Truth must be believed,  
Or not one soul will it relieve,  
By faith we know God's Word is true  
And what He says He'll surely do. ~CGP

Do men control solar flares? Planetary orbits? Comet trajectories? They cannot even stop asteroids! All they can do is observe! *"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; THAT YE MAY KNOW that ye have Eternal Life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."* If your hope is in God, it is a sure hope, otherwise you are simply wishing. Do you hope AND believe or do you just wish? Do you think or do you know? You cannot adequately answer what you do not know.

*"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By Whom also we have access by faith into this Grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in HOPE of the Glory of God." Romans 5:1-2 KJV*