HOW TO HAVE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

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A Sample Of This Week’s Headlines Shows How Desperately We Need Hope For The Future:

**THIS WEEK:**
- BEATINGS
- DESTRUCTION
- VIOLENCE
- FIRES
- HURRICANES
- MIDDLE EAST
- U.S.A. PROBLEMS

- **HOPE IS A KEY IN THESE TIMES**

- We Can’t Go On Without It.
  We Can Go Through Anything With It!
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■ A “LIVING HOPE”:
  - A Hope That We Can Live With
  - A Hope That Will Carry Us On
  - A Hope That Will Get Us Thru Whatever Life Throws At Us
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- **3 THINGS TO HOPE FOR** - *(VERSES 1-9)*

1. A *Destiny To Direct Us ➔ Our Unfading Inheritance*
2. A *Fire To Refine Us ➔ Our Faith*
3. A *Goal To Unite Us ➔ Salvation*
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- **Hope Is So Important Because:**

  “Where There Is No Faith In The Future, There Is No Power In The Present.”

- **A Living Hope Will Equip Us For Whatever Life Brings Us**
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1 Peter 1:9-13 (NIV) (9) for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (10) Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, (11) trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. (12) It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things. (13) 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.
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- The Timing Is: When Jesus Christ Is Revealed
- Hope Is Trusting, Anticipating & Expecting God To Fulfill His Promises
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1. Prepare Your Minds For Action
2. Be Self-Controlled
3. Set Your Hope On Christ And His Grace
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PREPARE YOUR MINDS FOR ACTION:

- “Pull Your Thoughts Together”
- Have A Disciplined Mind
- Be Ready For Action And Progress
- Be Focused On The Truth Of God And His Word
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BE SELF-CONTROLLED:

- Be Calm, Steady, Controlled, Weigh Matters, Be Sober
- Don’t Get Carried Away” In Thinking
- Maintain The Essential Steadiness A Believer
- Don’t Be Intoxicated By Anything On This Earth
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WHY IS SELF CONTROL IMPORTANT?

- The Lack Of Self Control Is A Sign Of The Last Days
  - See: 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- Many Lives Are Out Of Control
- They Are Uncontrolled Slaves To Their Unfulfilled Hungers Passions And Desires
- We Must Live Self-Controlled, Upright, Godly Lives As We Wait For The Blessed Hope – The Return Of Our Lord & Savior
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SET YOUR HOPE FULLY ON CHRIST AND HIS GRACE:

- 1 Peter 1:13 (NIV) (13) 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.

- “You Set Your Hope Like You Set Your Parking Brake -- Apply It, And You Won't Be Moved”

- Faith In God Produces A Genuine Hope For The Future
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THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE LORD

- Our Faith In Christ Points Us Towards Future Hope
- Lord Help Us To Keep Looking Up
- When He Comes Again Our Hope Will Be Realized!