

## Post-Rapture World: Reasons for Hope

Many Spiritual truths are at odds with the prevailing logic of the world: *To be first, you must be willing to be last; give, and you shall receive; humble yourself, and you will be exalted* are a few examples. The answers to where to find hope may seem to be a paradox. Many believe hope for the future is strongly tied to being comfortable and at peace today. This mindset makes us extremely vulnerable to Satan's attacks. The things of this world may provide temporary joy, but it is fleeting. Things like a job, home, money, power, and possessions may offer a temporary sense of security, but lasting, satisfying hope only exists in the spiritual realm. Our hope is in God alone.

During the Tribulation Period, many will lose their home, job, money, and more. Those who put their trust and hope in things will despair when those things disappear. As believers, we must share that the source of hope is Jesus Christ and that no power or catastrophe on earth can take that away.

The Apostle Paul wrote that he had "*learned to be content in every circumstance*" (Phil. 4:11). He was able to do this because his attitude was not linked to his circumstances. God alone determined Paul's attitude and gave him hope. This is how Paul was able to "*Give thanks in everything*" (1 Thess. 5:18). He was not encouraging people to be joyful and thankful for everything, but in everything. Bad things happen, and the things of this world can be lost, stolen, or destroyed.

Joy, peace, and hope cannot be lost if they are rooted in the things of God. Find your hope in Him!

### 18 Biblical Reasons We Hope

- We have a God who hears (2 Kings 20:20; Psalm 28:6, 6:9)
- God provides strength (Psalm 22:19, 18:1)
- God is our shield (Psalm 3:3)
- God is our refuge (Psalm 9:9)
- God provides help (Psalm 18:18, 30:10)
- God is a shelter and strong tower (Psalm 61:3)
- God is our defender (Psalm 59:9)
- God is rich in mercy (Lam. 3:22-23; Psa. 116:5)
- God restores (Psalm 80:7, 19)
- God is faithful (1 Cor. 1:9)
- Jesus is our advocate and mediator (1 John 2:1; 1 Tim. 2:5)
- God is our deliverer (Psalm 50:15b, 69:14)
- God will provide peace (Phil. 4:6-7; Psalm 29:11b)
- Jesus invites us to cast our cares upon Him (1 Peter 5:7)
- God provides comfort (2 Cor. 1:1-2)

- God can raise us from the pit (Psalm 40)
- Jesus is coming again. Antichrist and his armies will be defeated, and the Millennial Reign will bring peace and justice to the world (Rev. 19-20)
- An eternal reward awaits us in heaven (Rev. 21)