

Hope: the confident expectation that something better is coming tomorrow.

What do you think of Larry King's fixation on death? Why do you think he wants his body to be frozen? What hope do unbelievers have?

Describe a time when you felt hopeless.

1) Hope is caused. (v.3)

How does the resurrection of Jesus provide hope?

How does the new birth make hope personal?

Are there any dead things in your life where hope is needed to believe they can live again? What are they?

Have you ever been to a funeral of where there was no hope? What was it like? How does that funeral differ from the funeral of one who has died in Christ?

2) Hope is kept. (v.4-5)

What is waiting for us in heaven? How can you be confident that you will receive it?

How does God guard our faith on earth?

3) Hope is available. (v.6-9)

What is the difference between someone who loves Jesus and simply likes him?

How can you love someone whom you have not seen?

Discuss this statement: *Joy and grief are always operating simultaneously in the soul of a Christian.* Is this true of you?

List things that you have lost hope in.

Are you confident that your hope in Jesus will result in the salvation of your soul?

Additional Scripture

- Hebrews 6:19