

Hope

[Romans 8:25](#) *“But if what we do not see, we hope for, through patience (ὑπομονῆς) we eagerly expect it.”*

- I. When a person is saved, he has the reality of hope. Believing the Gospel, accepting Jesus Christ as Savior moves the potential to reality. Let’s call it Hope 1 realized.
- II. After salvation, the believer has another opportunity of making another potential a reality. A perceptive believer can advance rapidly, if he chooses to do so. This is the opportunity of maturity becoming excitingly real. Let’s call this Hope 2. This is anticipation of great blessings in our earthly journey.
- III. Hope 1 and 2 are fulfilled by imputation. (see [Imputation facts from Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer](#))
- IV. The hope of blessing is replaced by reality of blessing at salvation and at maturity.
- V. These blessings are anticipated through hope and realized by imputation.
- VI. Hope 1 and Hope 2 are realized in time (salvation and maturity), but another hope – Hope 3 is fulfilled in eternity. We cannot see, while we are here on the earth, the blessings from God throughout eternity, but imputed blessings give us a confident anticipation. We have the promises related to our eternal home, a resurrection body and the glorious presence of our Lord for ages without end.
 - When saved, a person has the reality of Hope #1.
 - After salvation, a new hope is in view – Hope #2 – reality.
 - Hope #1 and Hope #2 are fulfilled by imputation.
 - The hope of blessing is replaced by reality of blessing. This happens at salvation and maturity.
 - Blessings are anticipated through hope, and realized by imputation.
 - Two hopes are realized in time (salvation and maturity).
 - Hope #3 is fulfilled in eternity. [Romans 8:25](#)