



A THRILL OF
HOPE

Past Present and Future

Past: Securing Hope from Scripture

Isaiah 7:14-15 All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us'). NLT

Isaiah 9:6-7 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen! NLT





Isaiah 7 Isaiah sent King Ahaz

- vs. 10-14 The Sign of Immanuel

Isaiah 8:1-10 The Coming Assyrian Invasion

- vs. 11-22 Fear God, Wait for the Lord

Isaiah 9 For Unto Us a Child is Born



Isaiah 9:6-7 HOPE

- Wonderful Counselor
- Mighty God
- Everlasting Father
- Prince of Peace



Hebrew Word Study

The word for hope is “tikvah”

(connotation of expectation, anticipation, and trust)

- Jeremiah 29:11, God says, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope (tikvah) and a future." Here, the word "tikvah" is used to convey God's promise of a hopeful future for His people.
- Psalm 130:5, the psalmist says, "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I put my hope (tikvah)." Here, "tikvah" is used to express the psalmist's hope and trust in God's word.



Present – Hope's Help in Today's Life

- **Advent** – a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth.
- **Sustaining Power of Hope** - For the good times and the difficult times as well.
 - Romans 8:22-25 v. 25 But we are hoping for something we do not have yet, and we are waiting for it patiently.
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Theologian Jurgen Moltmann once said, "Genuine hope is not blind optimism. It is hope with open eyes, which sees the suffering and yet believes in the future."



Choosing to Focus on the Promises of God:

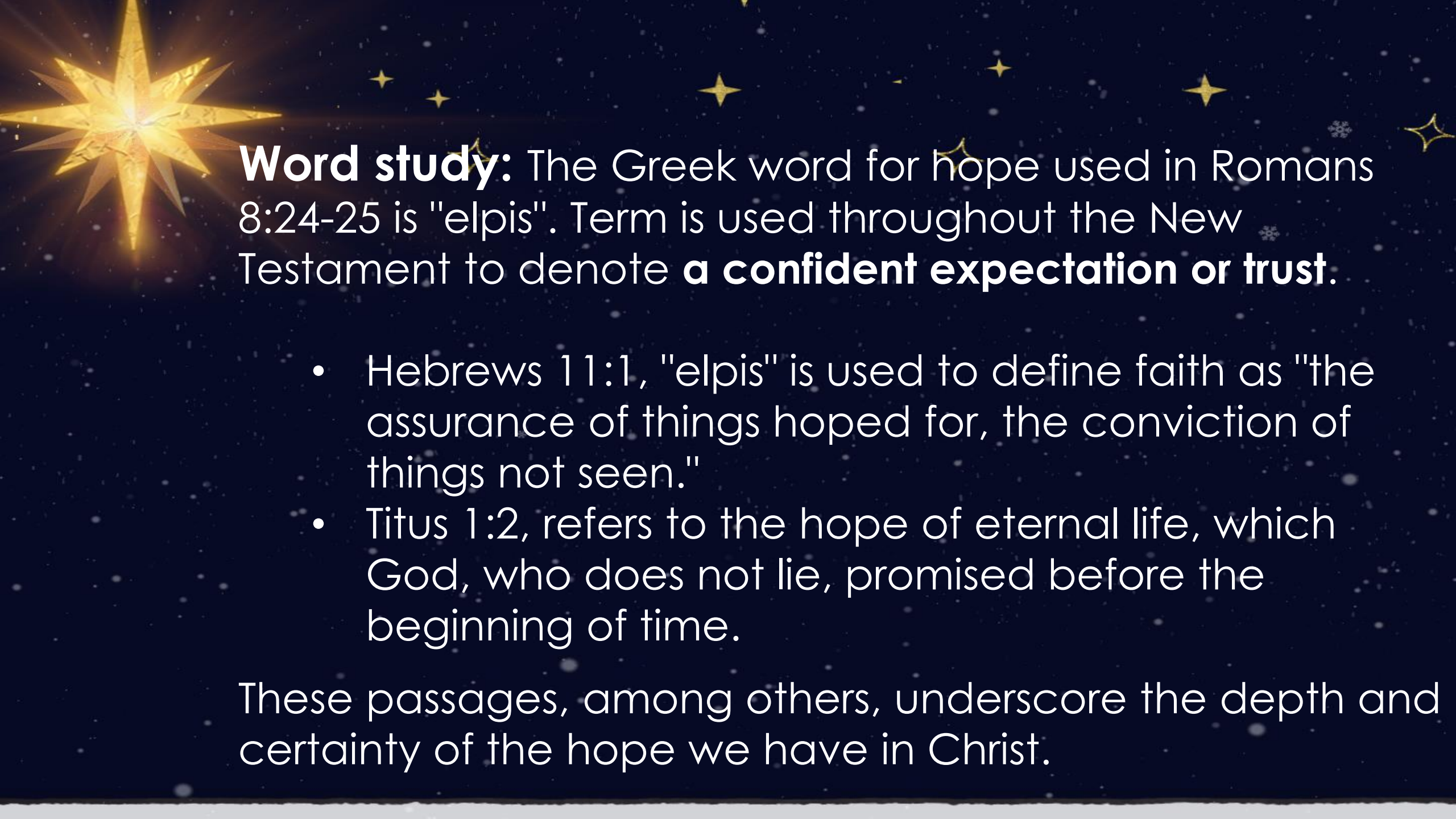
Look beyond the visible and tangible. Anchor your hope in the unseen and eternal.

Charles Spurgeon once said, "Hope itself is like a star- not to be seen in the sunshine of prosperity, and only to be discovered in the night of adversity."



3 Dynamics from Focusing on the Promises:

1. **Patience** - Romans 8:24-25 , Paul writes, "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."
2. **Perspective** - Hope allows us to see our hardships from a different angle.
3. **Resilience** - Hope gives us the strength to keep going, even when the going gets tough.



Word study: The Greek word for hope used in Romans 8:24-25 is "elpis". Term is used throughout the New Testament to denote **a confident expectation or trust.**

- Hebrews 11:1, "elpis" is used to define faith as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
- Titus 1:2, refers to the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time.

These passages, among others, underscore the depth and certainty of the hope we have in Christ.



Future – Holding onto Hope

- Hope clings to the promises of God.
- Hope stands firm and is unshakeable, unmovable, and undiminished by the storms of life.
- Our hope in Jesus is sure and steadfast, based on the promises of God.

In the words of C.S. Lewis: "Hope is one of the theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do."



- Transformative power - This is a hope that changes us from the inside out.
- Not a product of our willpower or determination. Rather, it is a divine gift, a grace bestowed upon us by our loving God, rooted in His promises.
- Impacts others: Hope shines brightly in a dark world, and draws others towards the love of God. ,



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

Go in peace, live in love, and serve with joy.
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

