that that is a vital part of the Christian hope. We look forward with anticipation; we look forward with happiness. We look forward without worry or anxiety. But we purify ourselves now. We seek to carry on the work that God wants carried on in us and through us, and we know that whether wesuccede or not; whether **me-huve** he has to send experiences into our lives we don't understand the reason of but that He has a purpose in, we know that if we truly belong to him that all  $\frac{\phi t}{\phi t}$  the future is in God and therefore this hope stands with faith and with love as one of the three Christian graces.

Let us pray@ We thank you for the teaching of the Bible about the 3 Christian graces, and we thank you for the dozens of passages in which you illuminate our understanding and help us to know more about these. Oh our God how easy it is to be changes misled by the change of languages. How easy it is for us to think of Christian hepe as simply a desire, as simply a wish as we use the word today. But Oh our God it is not a desire -- we should desire it; but it is not a wish though we should wish for it; but it is a certainty, it is a confidence in that about the fut. which is not seen. That which is God&s purpose for us, for the world, for all of His plan. Of our God strengthen our faith in Christ, our faith in things today. Strengthen our love toward God and our love toward others. Oh our God also give more hope a vital Christian place in our lifes and help us to have the Christina hope and to pass it on to others We ask in Jesus Name. Amen.

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