

to take place. That is not the idea. The idea of the term hope in the Script. is the attitude which the Christian takes of looking forward to the fut. -- to the many things which the fut. may contain, and looking forward/with absolute assurance that they are in the hands of God and that if we are his we can look forward with confidence without worrying, without uncertainty. ~~I/should/~~ I should not say ~~perhaps~~ without ~~worrying~~ ^{perhaps} ^{uncertainty} because we can be very uncertain as to what they will be. We do not know what lies ahead in our lives. But we can have the hope in God, the hope of the gospel, the knowledge that whatever happens, God controls it, God has already planned it. It is something that is in H's hands. We speak of the hope of salvation. We already have it/salvation. We have salvation. We are justified if we truly believe in Christ. Through faith we are justified, and yet we speak of the hope of salvation because our salvation must work out. It must work out in our fuller sanctification. It must work out in all the events that come as we grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. It must work out in/ what the events are to be in completing our salvation, in giving eventually the resurrection body -- the body that is free from all decay, from all weakness from all suffering. All the marvellous things that are a part of our salvation, aside from our justification, they are a wonderful hope that is set before us. A hope that God has established there. We read that Jesus Christ endured the suffering -- the crucifixion with the hope that was set before him. He knew that as a result of it millions of people would be saved from sin. Millions of people would be born again into the K. of God. Great tremendous changes would take place as a result of what he was doing then. He had the hope, and it was the hope that was set before him that played so great a part in his attitude. toward it. Thus hope is not in the Script. some particular event will take place. Now of course there are a few events which are of such grt. importance that they must have a very vital place in our lives. -- such as the coming of Christ to take His own to himself. The blessed hope of His appearing. His coming later on to estab. His kgdm. on earth here. These are all a vital portion of hope, but they are ~~not~~ the thing that is particularly stressed in this vs. It is the hope in God -- the hope of salvation. The attitude of absolute trust in God regarding the future.