

The Christian's Hope

Our Confidence — And Why We Should Have It



I don't know.

It's life's Great Mystery.

Nothing happens.

As Christians, I would certainly like to think we all believe that *something* happens, and that we have at least an inkling of what that is.

“...I hope so...”

Hope: a desire for a particular thing to happen.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 — “...others...who have no hope.”

ελπίς: **confident expectation; solid assurance.**

**Uncertainty is for others, not
for us!!!!**



Abraham had ελπίς, not “hope.”

Am I Living As If I Expect Heaven?

- Do I actually do what I know I should do, instead of just giving lip-service?
- Do I treat people the way Jesus treated people?
- Do I speak gently to all people, of all people?
- Do I seek to build others up or tear them down?

Am I Living As If I Expect Heaven?

- Do I actively seek to detach from the world, instead of clinging to it?
- Do I pray to God with confidence, or with uncertainty?