



The Church and Future Hope

Christ Will Gather His People, Establish His Kingdom, and Reign Forever

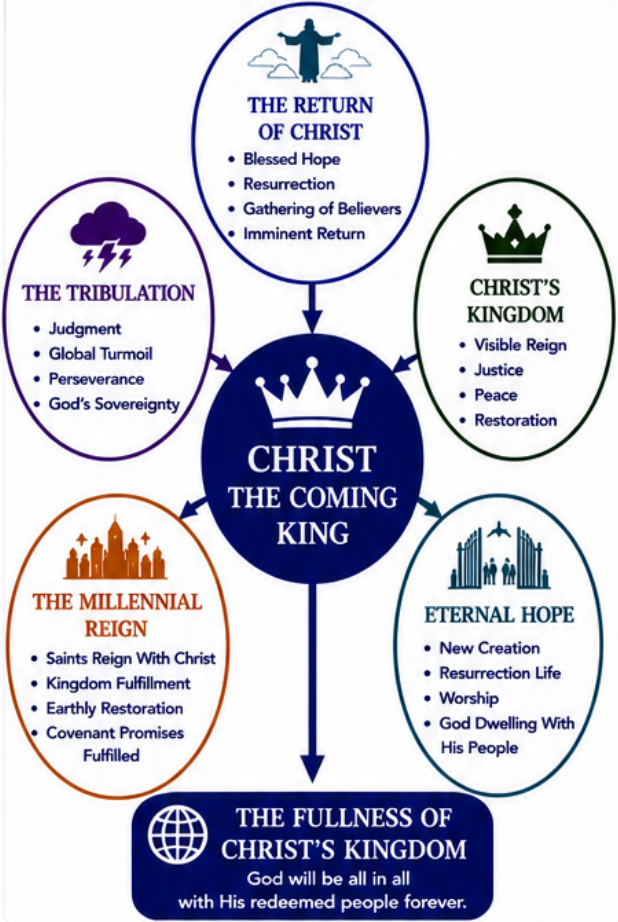
The church lives between Christ's first coming and His return in glory. Believers worship, persevere, proclaim the Gospel, and live faithfully with confident hope because Christ will gather His people, judge evil, establish His Kingdom openly upon the earth, and reign forever with His redeemed people.

FEARFUL SPECULATION VS BIBLICAL HOPE

FEARFUL SPECULATION	vs.	BIBLICAL HOPE
Panic	vs.	Confidence in Christ
Obsession With Timelines	vs.	Faithful Endurance
Escapism	vs.	Persevering Witness
Fear-Driven Religion	vs.	Hope-Filled Worship
Endless Prediction	vs.	Christ-Centered Expectation
Anxiety	vs.	Kingdom Confidence

Biblical hope is not speculation that produces fear, but confident expectation that produces faithfulness.

THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH



KEY SCRIPTURES

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**
"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first."
- Titus 2:13**
"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."
- Revelation 20:1–6**
"I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast... and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."
- Philippians 3:20–21**
"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body."
- Revelation 21:1–4**
"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea... and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."

HOW FUTURE HOPE STRENGTHENS THE CHURCH



QUICK COMPARISON

ASPECT	FUTURE HOPE
Center	Christ
Promise	Christ's return
Confidence	Resurrection hope
Kingdom	Christ reigns openly
Calling	Faithful endurance
Future	Eternal life with God

★ KEY TRUTHS

- ✓ Christ will return for His people.
- ✓ The church lives in hopeful expectation.
- ✓ Biblical hope strengthens perseverance.
- ✓ Christ's Kingdom will be openly revealed.
- ✓ The saints will reign with Christ.
- ✓ Future hope produces faithful living now.

THE BIBLICAL PICTURE



THE BOTTOM LINE
The church lives in confident expectation of Christ's return, Kingdom, and eternal reign. Future hope strengthens worship, holiness, perseverance, and faithful witness until Christ gathers His people and reigns openly forever.

TEACHER NOTE
Use this handout to help learners understand biblical future hope. Emphasize that prophecy exists not to produce fear or speculation, but to strengthen perseverance, worship, holiness, and confidence in Christ's coming Kingdom.