

Mere Christianity
Book 3, Chapter 10
Hope

Questions:

1. How would you define “hope” from a Christian perspective (**Rom. 8:18-225; 2 Cor. 5:1-5**)?
2. What is such hope definitely *not*?
3. How has our culture and educational system tended to weaken or misdirect our hope?
4. How should the hopeful Christian’s focus on the next life affect his or her living right here and right now?
5. How does our inner desire for heaven manifest itself in us?
6. Conversely, what do our inner generic unmet desires indicate?

7. Lewis cites two wrong ways and one correct way of addressing this reality. What are they?

8. How should Christians view (scripturally allowable) earthly pleasures?

9. What is our ultimate “blessed” hope?

10. What would you say to those who believe that hoping for heaven is foolish because “they don’t want to spend eternity playing harps”?

11. In **1 Peter 3:15**, we are told to be able to defend our hope to others. How able are you to do this effectively? In what areas do you need to be strengthened for that task?