



V I R A L H O P E

1 Peter 1:3,1:13 *³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... ¹³Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.*

Revelation 4:1-2; *¹After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."²At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.*

Colossians 3:1-3 *¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*

CS Lewis (Mere Christianity) "Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do! It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world are the ones that thought the most about the next. The Apostles themselves, who set out on foot in the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this one! Aim at Heaven and you will get some earth 'thrown in,' aim at earth and you will get neither."

#I HEAVEN IS OUR _____

Our _____ Home (...Legitimate)

Hebrews 13:14 *For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.*

Philippians 3:20 *But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.*



Our _____ Home (...Ultimate)

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 *17...Then we will be with the Lord forever. 18So encourage each other with these words.*

Our _____ Home (...Superior)

1 Corinthians 15:51-54 *51But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! 52It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.53For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. 54Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory.*

#2 HEAVEN IS OUR _____

Our _____ Treasure

Matthew 6:19-20:19 *"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.*

1 Corinthians 2:9 *"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."*

Revelation 21:4 *He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."*

#3 HEAVEN IS OUR _____

Our _____ Glory

Matthew 25:21 *"The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'"*