

Discuss

Those of us who are in a relationship with Jesus can look forward to laughing throughout eternity. Our tears will turn to joy, and our sorrow to celebration.

“... Jesus turned to his disciples and said, “God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours. God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied. God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh. “... For a great reward awaits you in heaven.””
(Luke 6:[20-21](#), [23](#), NLT)

- What challenges are you facing right now?
- Do you believe that there is more to life than this life before us right now?

Many of us struggle with the difference between our expectations of a life in a relationship with God, and what God has actually promised.

“The Lord’s blessing is our greatest wealth; all our work adds nothing to it” ([Proverbs 10:22. LB](#))

- When you hear “divine blessing,” what do you think of or expect from God?
- What expectations do you have about a relationship with Jesus?
- Do you hunger more for a sense of personal fulfillment or intimacy with the living God?

The Christian hope is not in this life, but the life to come. No matter what we go through in this life, there will be laughter in the life to come. This promise and hope is meant to fuel our strength for whatever it is we’re going through now.

- When you hear the word Heaven, what comes to mind?
- Do you walk through this life as if this life is all that there is and all that matters?
- Where do you draw strength from?
- What are you doing to keep the vision of Heaven fresh on your mind?

Next Steps

If you’re a Christ follower, go back over your life and reflect on the times when God proved Himself faithful and answered prayers in your life. Take time to pray and thank Him for all that He did.

May 24 & 26: [The Gospels: Big Picture Bible Study](#)

June 12: [Crisis Assistance Ministry](#) & [Hope Vibes Serve Day](#)

Continued Reading

Read Luke 6:[20-21](#), [23](#); [Proverbs 10:22](#).

Prayer

God, thank you for the promise and hope of Heaven. Thank you for preparing it for us. Help us to keep the vision of Heaven - with all of it's joy and laughter - fresh in our minds, and to give us strength for living now, no matter what the circumstances are.