

but it is definitely taking a word in an(the) old sense; not in the present sense. I think trust is much nearer the meaning than hope today. And yet trust doesn't exactly fit it as you see. Hope is one of the 3 graces. It is closely allied to faith. Hope is that which looks forward to the fut. with absolute confidence. We have still preserved a little of that idea today when we say, He doesn't have much hope. We don't mean that he has ceased to desire. We say, I hope, we mean desire. But we say, He doesn't have much hope. Or we say I had~~h~~ great hopes of that -- we don't mean I had great desire. We mean I had great confidence. You see how the word is in sort of flux today? I wish we had another word to substitute for it. We have a whole chap. in the Script. devoted to faith -- Heb. 11. We have a whole chap. devoted to love- 1 Cor. 13. W^h do not have any particular ch. devoted to Hope, but we have these many references to hope in the NT

The hope of the gospel; hope in God -- we wouldn't say that today.-- Hope in God. It is quite obsolete today, but we find it in the Scripture. Hope in God. It means put your trust in God regarding the future. We read about the hope of the gospel. The term hope is something that is tremendously important in the Christian life. And I think/perhaps more apt to have it if we think through clearly as to just what it means in the Bible. Because it is given a stress almost as great as the ~~word~~ word faith. Hope is looking forward to the fut. but looking forward to the fut. with great confidence, with certainty. But as we read, Tht which a man seeth, why does he yet hope for? Hope is not rejoicing in that which you see, that which you have. It is closely allied to faith. It is looking forward to the fut. with confidence, to those things which you do not see but which you accept because of your faith in God, because of your faith in His word. And yet there is a strange ~~th~~ thing. The word hope is used in the Script. of the hope of the gospel, the hope of Israel. This grt. hope. The hope of salvation. Such terms are used. There is one case -- the blessed hope and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. But in most cases the word hope is not very specifically tied with any future event. In fact in the book of Rev. which is the book more concerned with fut. events than any other book in the NT. the ~~word~~ word hope never occurs at all. The idea in Biblical hope is not simply, I ~~know~~ know that these specific events are going