

Confident Hope

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“...born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...” (1 Peter 1:3)

Hope is the confident, eager expectation that God is going to do what He says. Peter tells us that hope comes along with our salvation because Jesus has been raised from the dead.

I get nervous watching my favorite football team, the University of Georgia, play. Suppose my Bulldogs are down by five points with five seconds to go in the game. We’ve got the ball, but we need to score a touchdown. So, I can anxiously “hope” they score the touchdown and win the game. But the truth is, I have no guarantee. Now, suppose that I had the game paused on my DVR, and just before I watch that last play, someone texts me, “Wow, what an amazing last play! Congratulations! Go Dawgs!” Now, I will watch that play, not with fear and anxiety, but with “confident, eager expectation.” I will be confident that we have already won, and eager to see how we will win. That’s the kind of hope we have because of Jesus’ resurrection.

