

# A Christian's Hope in Death

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- I. The Common Lack of Hope in Death (13)
  - A. Uncertainty about death leads to a lack of hope
  - B. Grief over death is often characterized by lack of hope
- II. The Sure Foundation of our Hope in Death (14-15a)
  - A. Jesus' Death and Resurrection
  - B. Jesus' Authoritative Revelation

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## III. The Specific Details of our Hope in Death (15-17)

A. The Timing of the Rapture

B. The Stages of the Rapture

1. The Lord Christ will Return
2. The Dead in Christ will Rise
3. The Living in Christ will be Raptured

C. The Culmination of the Rapture

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## IV. The Present Implications of our Hope in Death (17b-18)

- A. We are to live now in anticipation of being with Jesus forever
- B. We find comfort when facing our death or that of a loved one who is in Christ