

HOPE- A THEOLOGICAL VIRTUE (2 of 3)

Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." "The Holy Spirit . . . He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life."

~ *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1817.*

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