

Were your hopes dashed as the FIFA World Cup competition progressed towards the German victory?
Did your hopes that the team you supported might reach the final and even win come to nothing? The Bible says 'hope deferred makes the heart sick': the disappointments of life confirm this in our own experience

In Brazil the massive statue of 'Christ the Redeemer' built high on a solid rock, outside Rio de Janeiro, reminds us of One Who can give us true everlasting hope, in Whom we can place our faith and trust, One Who won't let us down, Who will never fail us nor forsake us.

An old hymn puts it like this:

'My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

The hope that The Lord Jesus Christ offers us gives certainty, the assurance of eternal salvation. We must admit that we have sinned and come short of God's standard. We need to believe that His blood was shed for us and that He died for us on the cross. The Bible says, 'Believe on The Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.' He offers you safety, security and certainty now and for ever. The Bible describes it as hope laid up in heaven in the word of the truth of the gospel.