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The Gospel Style

Hope is a great virtue.

Why are we sometimes not completely happy? Why do sufferings, tears and worries obscure us?

Because we lack hope. On second thoughts and in giving even a fleeting and panoramic glance at the Gospel, it seems that hope is its style in the confident waiting of the divine promises which are treasured in the very Gospel.

We need this virtue now, lived with perseverance, so as to renew our Christian life and give it the transparent smile of evangelical children.

«The God of hope» (*Rm* 15:13), this is the way St. Paul called the Lord.

Yes, it is truly so. May the one true God «fill you with all joy and peace» (*Rm* 15:13). These are the two things that are lacking in the world and the gift which Christians should give it.

(see *Knowing How to Lose*, New City Press, London 1981, p.31)