

HOPE RESTORED

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Aspects of Hope:

1. Hope begins and ends in Jesus

- a. Those who have real hope
 - i. 1 Timothy 1:1.....of Christ Jesus, who is our hope,
 - ii. 1 Peter 1:21so that your faith and hope are in God.
 - iii. Psalm 31:24: Be strong and take heart all you who hope in the LORD
- b. Those who don't
 - i. 1 Thessalonians 4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as indeed the rest of mankind do, who have no hope.
 - ii. Psalm 20:7 Some *trust their* chariots and some *trust in* horses, But we will praise the name of the LORD, our God.

2. Hope Defined

- a. Hebrew word is Qavah - waiting patiently.
 - i. Psalm 40:1 I waited patiently for the Lord; And He reached down to me and heard my cry.
 - ii. Psalm 52:9 I will praise You forever, because You have done it, And I will wait on Your name, for it is good, in the presence of Your godly ones.
- b. Greek word Elpizo - having confidence or assurance.
 - i. Romans 8:24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees.
 - ii. Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
 - iii. Romans 4:18-25 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised. This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." 23 The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

3. Hope is a Gift

- a. Colossians 1:23 23 if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister
- b. 2 Thessalonians 2:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,
- c. Ephesians 1:18 *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
- d. Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

How to Have Hope:

- 1. Lamentations 3:19-26 I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion, therefore I will wait for Him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
- 2. Remind yourself of who God is and what He has done.