

## HOPE

Text: Hebrews 6:10-20

INTRO: Rom. 8:24—25 goes a long way toward supplying us with a Biblical definition of the word hope. Paul writes, “For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, then we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.”

Hope, then is very closely associated with faith. It is impossible to have one without the other, Heb. 11:1. Hope goes beyond merely believing that something will occur, but yearns for its accomplishment.

I. WHAT DOES THE CHRISTIAN HOPE FOR? There is “one hope,” (Eph. 4:4), but it is expressed in several different ways.

A. The Christian has hope that death is not the end.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most pitiable. (1 Cor. 15:19).

B. He hopes to see Jesus face to face.

Beloved, now we are children of God; & it has not yet been revealed what we shall be but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. & everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1 John 3:2-3).

C. The Christian hopes to be ready to meet the Lord when He comes.

We, according to His promise, look for new heavens & a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot & blameless. (2 Pet. 3:13-14)

D. Our hope includes a reunion with loved ones beyond the grave. READ I Thess. 4:13-18

E. We hope for a home in heaven, John 14:1-3.

NOTE: Our hope is based on God’s promises.

II. WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THIS HOPE?

A. It keeps us looking ahead.

...Bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is & of that which is to come. (1 Tim. 4:8).

B. It helps us remain faithful.

...We are [Christ's] house if we hold fast the confidence & the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end. (Heb. 3:6).

C. It gives us incentive to keep ourselves morally & spiritually pure.

And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1 John 3:3).

D. Since this hope helps us remain faithful & pure, it is very much a part of our salvation.

For we were saved in hope... (Rom. 8:24).

### III. UPON WHAT FOUNDATION IS OUR HOPE FOUNDED?

A. The promises of God.

...It is impossible for God to lie, ...we have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast... (Heb. 6:18-19).

B. The resurrection of Christ. READ I Cor. 15:16-22.

C. Our obedience to God's conditions of pardon. Heb. 5:9; Matt. 7:21

### III. WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS WE MUST MEET TO HAVE THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE?

A. Hear & believe the gospel, Rom. 10:13-17; Mark 16:15-16.

B. Repent of our sins, Acts 17:30-31

C. Confess Christ, Rom. 10:9-10

D. Be baptized, Rom 6:3-4

E. Remain faithful, to Christ's teachings. Rev. 2:10; 2 John 9

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