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Introduction: We need hope! If there is one thing we need today in our world it is something to hope for (or someone to hope in). There is no doubt in my mind that this topic is one of the most neglected in our teaching and preaching today. In this lesson I want us to take a close look at the subject of hope and why we need hope for the future. . . .

I. *Why Do We Need Hope?*

A. *NO ONE SHOULD WANT A HOPELESS LIFE*

Sin starts with desire. - **James 1:15**

Sin causes us to drift. - **Isaiah 53:6**

Sin is very deceptive. - **I Corinthians 6:9**

Sin promises more than it can deliver. - **Romans 6:6**

Sin is always destructive. - **Romans 5:12**

B. *A HOPELESS LIFE CAN BE A DANGEROUS LIFE*

A hopeless life is guided by rebellion. - **I Corinthians 6:10**

A hopeless life is evidence of our refusal to accept Jesus. - **Romans 1:28-32**

A hopeless life reveals the works of the flesh. - **Galatians 5:19-21**

C. *GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN WE RECEIVE HOPE*

No Condemnation - **Romans 8:1, John 3:17, Luke 19:1**

Cleansing From Sin - **I John 1:9, John 3:16**

Covered By The Blood of Jesus - **Hebrews 10:14**

Justified In Your Condition - **Romans 5:9**

II. *The Hope of the Old Testament*

A. *WE NEED A HEAVENWARD HOPE* - Psalm 31:24

B. *WE NEED A MERCIFUL HOPE* - Psalm 33:18

C. *WE NEED A CONTINUOUS HOPE* - Psalm 71:14

D. *WE NEED A JOYFUL HOPE* - Psalm 146:5

E. *WE NEED A RIGHTEOUS HOPE* - Proverbs 10:28

F. *WE NEED A STEADFAST HOPE* - Isaiah 57:10

G. *WE NEED A QUIET HOPE* - Lamentations 3:26

III. *The Hope of the New Testament*

A. *WE CAN HAVE A GLORIOUS HOPE* - Romans 5:1-5

B. *WE CAN HAVE AN ABOUNDING HOPE* - Romans 15:13-14

C. *WE CAN HAVE AN ABIDING HOPE* - I Corinthians 13:13

D. *WE CAN HAVE A BOLD HOPE* - II Corinthians 3:12

E. *WE CAN HAVE A CALLING HOPE* - Ephesians 1:15-18

F. *WE CAN HAVE A SAVING HOPE* - I Thessalonians 5:8

G. *WE CAN HAVE A BLESSED HOPE* - Titus 2:13

Conclusion: Our future hope is a present day reality (**Psalm 145:15**). Do you need hope? Look to Jesus! There is hope for the future because of what Jesus did on the cross for you. Will you accept Jesus as your sacrifice on the cross? Will you seek to serve Him and live for Him?

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