

HOPE RESTORED: A Closer Look at the Hope of the New Testament

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Introduction: We need hope today! 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 just a handful of New Testament passages that deal with the subject of hope. . . .

Discussion:

I. WE HAVE A GLORIOUS HOPE

Romans 5:1-5 - "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

II. WE HAVE AN ABOUNDING HOPE

Romans 15:13-14 - "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another."

III. WE HAVE AN ABIDING HOPE

I Corinthians 13:13 - "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

IV. WE HAVE A BOLD HOPE

II Corinthians 3:12 - "Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech."

V. WE HAVE A CALLING HOPE

Ephesians 1:15-18 - "Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints."

VI. WE HAVE A SAVING HOPE

I Thessalonians 5:8 - "But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation."

VII. WE HAVE A BLESSED HOPE

Titus 2:13 - "for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."

Conclusion: Do you need some hope today? Come to Jesus!