

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE
WHAT WE NEED TO FINISH THE RACE
A TOPICAL, DOCTRINAL STUDY
ON THE KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

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The Title Of The Message:
Our Never Ending Hope
what we need in these last days

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Introduction to the Text; **Book / Chapter**

**The Background to Paul's Letter
that he had written to the church at Corinth, Greece**

**THE GREEK'S, UNDER ROMAN RULE,
SOUGHT AFTER PERFECTION !**

1. PERFECTION AT THE QUALITY OF LIFE
2. PERFECTION AT MEANS AND COMMERCE
3. PERFECTION AT ATHLETICS AND PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

No Doubt - They Were a People of Pursuits...
They Were a Wealthy, Smart and Beautiful People to Look at;
>>>>> but something was missing <<<<<

That 'Thing Missing" Was Really a Dynamic Trio of Meaning!

**A Real and Lasting - Faith, Hope, and Love -
Unchanging, and Unchangeable**

So The Apostle Paul Writes to The Greek Christian's at Corinth

1Corinthians 13:13
"Now abide faith, hope, love..."

This Would Have Been a Radical Thought to The Greek

Romans 10:11-13

For the Scripture says, "*Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.*" :12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. :13 For "*whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.*" - *all can win, all can win the only thing worth winning*

1.) **Faith / "Salvation" = *the aspects of a real living faith***

2.) **Hope / "Sanctification" = *what it means to Christians***

IN THIS SECOND SECTION OF OUR SERIES,
WE LOOK AT **HOPE**, AND HOW IT
RELATES TO OUR **SANCTIFICATION**

Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

OUR NEVER ENDING HOPE

1.) **Hope: *and what it means to the Christian***

Hope and The Christians' Sanctification

If **Faith** Relates to **Salvation**,
Then **Hope** Equates to **Sanctification**

Sanctification is the Work of Divine Grace
Upon and Within the Christian Life.

It Is The "**Removing**" of the World from the Believer's Life,
while at the same time

It is the "**Implanting**," of The Things of the Spirit
into That Christian's Life

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, :2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

OUR NEVER ENDING HOPE

And what it means to the Christian

1.) Hope = *What is it?*

What Hope Really Is
"Hope"

ἐλπίς elpis, *el-pece*

An anticipation of something with pleasure,
a joyous expectation a firm confidence!

The Christian's hope is **not** a lucky streak.

Our hope is **not** wishful thinking.

The Christian's hope is **not** a dream.

It is certainly not a "hope so"

As a non-Christian, an unbeliever, you are alienated from God.
There's a real and impossible separation between you and God.

Ephesians 2:11-12

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— **:12 that at that time you were without Christ**, being **aliens** from the commonwealth of Israel and **strangers** from the covenants of promise, having **no hope** and **without God** in the world.

What Hope Really Is...
it is the simple belief in God, that He will do
as He has Spoken

What Hope Really Is...
it is like a spiritual fuel

1Thessalonians 2:19

For what *is* our **hope**, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

Acts 24:15

I have **hope** (anticipation, expectation a firm confidence) in God,

Hope is Manifestation of Joy

Romans 12:12
Rejoicing in *hope*,

*Hope is the Very Thing
That Glues God's Truth to Our Hearts and Minds*

When We're Hopeful,

(1) we're **Excited**, (2) we're **Creative**,
(3) we're **Enthusiastic**, (4) we're **Responsive**,
(5) we're **Energetic**, (6) we're **Daring**,
(7) we're **Resilient**, (8) we're **Galvanized** !

Yes The Apostle's
We're **Baptized** in the Power of the **Holy Spirit**.

Yes The Apostle's
We're **Filled** with the Knowledge of the **Word of God**

Yes Also, The Apostle's
We're **Hopeful** in What They We're Doing in **Serving the Lord**.

OUR NEVER ENDING HOPE

And what it means to the Christian

2.) **Hope = Where is it?**

Where Our Hope Is Founded Upon
Is In What The Bible Has to Say

1Timothy 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God
our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

Our Hope Is Founded Upon
What The Bible Says

Hope has been communicated to us through the Bible,
the Word of God

2Timothy 3:16

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God,
(God "Breathed" or "Spoke It" forth to man)

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

It's Found In History = His Story

Psalms 119:81

My soul faints for Your salvation, But I hope in Your word.

We Hope in What **The Lord Has Declared**.
Christian, To Finish Your Race, The Course,
you must remember what God has done in the past.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7,10-12

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! :5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. :6 ¶ "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. :7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up....

....:10 "So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, :11 houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full— :12 *then* beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage....

Tell Them "How God Saved You"

How He's Provided for You

In Histories Past

In My Past

In The Past of Others

Encourage them! Encourage them! Encourage them!

Phil. 1:6

"Be" being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

Encourage them! Encourage them! Encourage them!

Encourage them! Encourage them! Encourage them!

Psalms 138:8

The LORD will perfect *that which* concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, *endures* forever;
Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Encourage them! Encourage them! Encourage them!

Looking Ahead - - Tell Them About "What God is About To Do"

Jeremiah 29:11-12

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. :12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

Joshua 1:5

No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

"What God is About To Do"

1Thessalonians 5:8-9

...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. :9 For God did not appoint us to wrath (God's earthly wrath), but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Where Our Hope Is Founded Upon
Is In What The Bible Has to Say

Our Hope,
Is Our Sanctification by Almighty God
He is Setting Us Apart from the World Each Day.

The Lord is at Work in Our Sanctification

1Thessalonians 4:3-7

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; :4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, :5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; :6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. :7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

1Peter 1:2-3

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. :3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

The **Love of God** Has Filled Us With Hope,
Because We Are Being **Daily Sanctified**

1Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators (**sex without marriage**), nor idolaters, (**living for things**) nor adulterers, (**sex with someone married**) nor homosexuals, (same sex) nor sodomites, :10 nor thieves, (**taking something not yours**) nor covetous, (**wanting something that is not yours**) nor drunkards, (**under the influence of something other**) nor revilers (**violent**), nor extortioners (**taking advantage of others**) will inherit the kingdom of God... :11 And such were some of you. But you were **washed**, but you were **sanctified**, but you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

This is a Firm Hope and Freedom

We don't have to be **fornicators** anymore!
We don't have to be **adulterers** anymore!
We don't have to be **homosexuals** anymore!
We don't have to be **sodomites** anymore!
We don't have to be **thieves** anymore!
We don't have to be **coveters** anymore!
We don't have to be **druggies or drunks** anymore!
We don't have to be **violent** anymore!
We don't have to **rip people off** anymore!

Hebrews 10:10

By that will we **have been sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering He has perfected forever those **who are being sanctified**.

Where Our Hope Is Founded Upon
Is In What The Bible Has to Say

If you posses Real Hope, the Hope of God;

1. You'll Be Seen **Reaching** for His **Promises**
2. You'll be **Filled** with **Expectation**
3. A "**Reminding Peace**" will Surround You
4. You'll **Grow Calm**
5. You'll be **Kept** by a Humble **Assurance**
6. You'll **See Diligence** come from You
7. and **Patience** Will be **Yours**

**Come Forward for Prayer
or to Receive Jesus Christ**

End of Study