

You Can Live With Great H.O.P.E.!

Deut. 30:19-20

19. This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live

20. and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life,
The thesis in the first teaching was...

Matthew 5:3 - "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:4 - Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Psalm 25:5 - Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 33:18 - But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

Psalm 33:20 - We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Romans 12:12 - Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

I. Hope comes when we see God for who really is!

II Corinthians 1:3-4 - "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all of our troubles..."

II Peter 3:9 - "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise.

He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

Romans 5:17-19 - "If by the trespass of the one man [Adam], death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of life through, the one man, Jesus Christ. Consequently, just as through the disobedience of the one man [Adam] the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man [Jesus Christ] the

many will be made righteous.”

Romans 8:1 - “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...”

Isaiah 61:1-3 - “ The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me... to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion, to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.”

John 3:16-18 - “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”

I Peter 5:7 - “Cast all your cares (anxieties) on God, for he cares for you.”

Colossians 3:5-7

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 - For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

II. Hope comes when we see ourselves as God sees us!

Psalm 103:8-18

8. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

9. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

10. he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

11. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
12. as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
13. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
14. for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.
15. As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;
16. the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.
17. But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children--
18. with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

A. Have I been a perfect person?

I John 1:8 - "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."

Luke 12:2 - "There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known."

I Chronicles 28:9 - "The Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind our thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you..."

Ps. 90:8 - You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. (Your face)

Isaiah 6:1-5

1. In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.
2. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.
3. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

4. At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

III. Hope comes when we see ourselves as who we can become in Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-10 - "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God, not of works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do."

The word for "workmanship" in Ephesians 2:10 is the Greek word "poiema" which refers to something made or created with great care.

A. Am I a finished person? Am I settling for who I am today?

B. Am I a work in progress person? Am I open to the process of becoming the person God wants me to be?

II Corinthians 3:18 - And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Phil. 3:13-21

13. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

14. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

15. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

16. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

17. Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.

18. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

19. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.

20. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21. who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Philippians 1:6 - being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 40 begins with these words,

Isaiah 40:1 – “Comfort, comfort my people”, says your God.

Isaiah 40:25-31

25. "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

26. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

27. Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"?

28. Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

29. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

30. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

31. but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Matthew 5:4 - Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

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Romans 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.