

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Our Hope Rest in The Lord

Jeremiah 17: 7

As Christians, in order to move beyond our spiritual immaturity, we need to experience confidence in our faith. The kind of faith that secured our salvation, and the same kind of faith that leads us to a greater faith in the truth of God's love, which comes unto through his word. Therefore, our hope in Christ is securely anchored by the word of God. Our life in Christ must bear witness of his never-failing faithfulness, whose life experiences, encourages us to maintain the hope that we have in him. How important is our hope in the Lord God? It keeps us from wandering aimlessly through our life in Christ. God not only gives us the promise of salvation, but his salvation is an anchor for our soul, secure and dependable, making it possible for us to take hold of the hope of eternal life that is set before us. We live in this hope, because we possess the indwelling Holy Spirit, which is the guarantee of our eternal relationship with God.

Psalm 62: 5 – 8,....my soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him....he only is my rock and my salvation, he is my defense, I shall not be moved....in God is my salvation and my glory, the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God....trust in him at all times, ye people, pour out your heart before him, God is a refuge for us....

Humanity constantly looks for the ultimate deliverance from their troubles and trials. Therefore, as believers, God will always answer our hope in him as we live in the promise of his blessed return for his church. So, rather than being anxious, we are to abide in his Son, and we are to remain steadfast and secure in the work of his crucifixion and resurrection, so that we might live and reign with him forever, for our hope comes from him alone. Therefore, through prayer and supplication we should talk to the Lord, and we should speak unto him, by prayer, with our own words, in the quietness of the Holy Spirit, so that we may tell God what our needs are and talk to him about those things which cause us to worry, and to thank him for all that he has done for us. So, rather than worrying, we are to be still before the Lord, rather than being anxious we are to abide in Christ, and to remain secure in our salvation, for our hope rests in the Lord God.

Jerimiah 17: 7,....blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is....

So, what is the meaning of trusting in the Lord, it is simply believing in what God has said, and it is having faith in the word of God and trusting is all that he has revealed unto us through his word. Trusting in his promises means that we are not easily shaken by situations and circumstances, worldly emotions, or physical feelings. It is accepting the fact that God has revealed unto us the truth of his word. It is believing the fact that Christ is that word and loves us with an everlasting love. It is seeing through the eyes of spiritual understanding, the reality of Gods promises, and it is allowing him to secure within us the existence of things that we cannot see, for it is our faith and hope in the Lord that unlocks our understanding of Gods unfailing love.

Psalm 33: 4 – 5, 22,....for the word of the Lord is right, and all his works are done in truth....he loveth righteousness and judgement, the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord....let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee....

Why does our hope rest in the Lord? It is because of his life, and his death, and his resurrection. For this reason, are we able to live with the assurance that we also may overcome death, through him, and that we might live each day in victory over sin. Now, this does not mean that we will never sin, or fail in doing the will of God, but it does mean that we are forgiven as we seek to walk in the pathway of his righteousness, through his spirit, which lives within us. So, no matter what we may face in our life, God is with us.

Psalm 39: 7,....and now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee....

Faith means to believe in that which we do not see; and the reward of our faith is God allowing us to see what we believe in. Waiting requires that we trust in the unseen. As we wait, God not only purifies our heart, but he refocuses our heart to change our desires from self-righteousness to godly righteousness. Our hope may have been in ourselves, but God shifts our attention to himself, so that we desire to know and to live for him above all else.

Psalm 71: 5,....for thou art my hope, O Lord God, thou art my trust from my youth....

The solution to all things in our life, is putting our hope and trust in God. If we will allow him to do so, Christ will lead us in a completely new direction, one full of opportunities, to serve him in a way that we never thought possible. Now, it may be a different life than what we originally planned, but through God, it will be a better life than what we could ever imagine, and because God is our living hope, we have an inheritance awaiting us in heaven, where we will share in the glory of the Lord.

Psalm 118: 6, 8, 14, 17, 24, 29,....the Lord is on my side, I will not fear, what can man do unto me?....it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man....the Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation....I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord....this is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it....O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever....

Our spiritual hope is never dependent upon our worldly circumstances. Learning to choose to hope in the Lord through every situation and circumstance requires our heart to be completely devoted unto God. God is faithful, and we can be assured that through his grace we are secured by his love. Our ability to rest in the hope of the Lord is directly associated with the closeness of our relationship with God the Father. And although we may face very real pressures throughout our life, they are to remind us that the Lord is on our side, and we will not be moved. In order, to rest in our hope in the Lord, then we must rejoice always in our heart, seeking the understanding, that as followers of Christ, he is always with us, and he will never leave us nor forsake us.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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