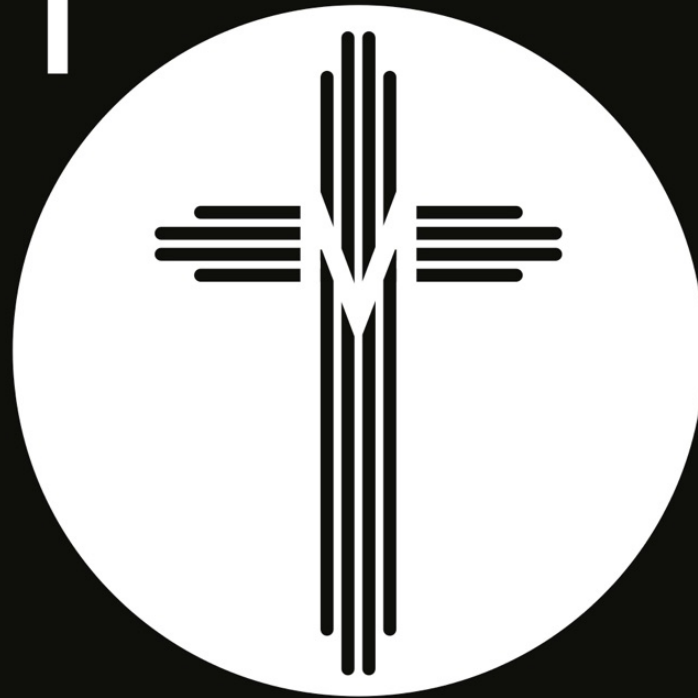


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A Mini-Series Of Application
Based On The Truth Of Mark 13

Mark 13

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-5

How To Have Hope In The Midst Of Despair

(1) Life Feels Hopeless Because Our False Hopes Have Been Exposed As Fleeting

Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God...

Psalms 146:3-5

The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

Psalms 33:17-19

“Conflict comes from
misaligned, unspoken expectations”

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation

Psalms 42:5

Prominent False Expectations

- 1) If God is good, then bad things will not happen in my life.
- 2) If I am moral (good) enough, life will be without discomfort.
- 3) If I am a "Christian," my heart is changed so I can follow my heart.
- 4) Christianity should be easy. I will automatically obey God. If not, it must be someone else's fault.
- 5) If I feel negatively, I have no control over my feelings, and it must be someone else's fault.
- 6) God's grace means he will alter truth to suit me.
- 7) Good Christians never have conflict. Conflict is bad.
- 8) Apathetic and half-hearted Christians will endure.

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

Titus 1:1-3

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Exodus 34:6-7

Though he slay me, I will hope in him;
yet I will argue my ways to his face.
This will be my salvation,
that the godless shall not come before him.

Job 13:15-16

Romans 8:18-25

(2) True Hope Is Only Found In The Kingdom
Of God And Its Overflow

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

Hebrews 10:26-27

Lamentations 3:16-33

(3) Reset Your Hope On Christ And His
Kingdom Reign

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- 4) Reset Your Hope Through The Word Of God And His People

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your rules.

Psalm 119:43

My soul longs for your salvation;
I hope in your word.

Psalm 119:81

I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I hope in your words.

Psalm 119:147

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

Psalm 130:5

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Psalms 147:11

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.

Psalms 39:7

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Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation

Psalms 42:5

For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

Psalms 71:5

He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children,
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

Psalms 78:5-7

Resetting Your Hope On Christ And His Kingdom

- 1) Identify Your False Hope
- 2) Confess And Surrender That False Hope
- 3) Audit The Voices In Your Life
- 4) Reset Your Hope Through The Word Of God And His People
- 5) Be Ready To Share Your Hope

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...

1 Peter 3:15

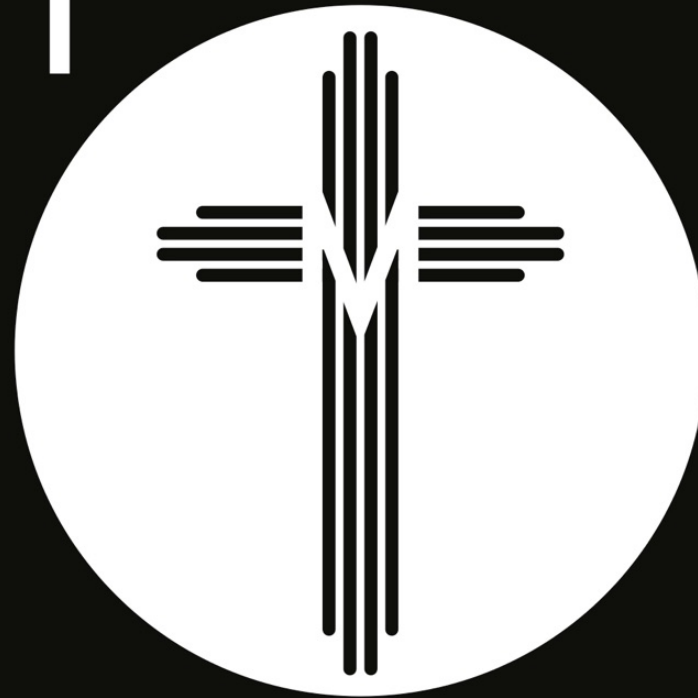
What is our only hope in life and death?

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

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