

# Hope!

## I. Introduction-

### A. Hope- the expectation of good



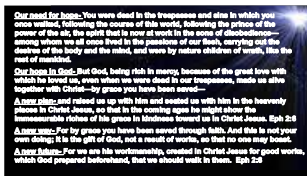
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Rom 15:13

Hope; ( *elpis*) expectation of good, hope

in the Christian sense- joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation

Hope: ( Webster)to cherish a desire with anticipation

### A. From spiritual death to spiritual life-



Our need for hope- You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

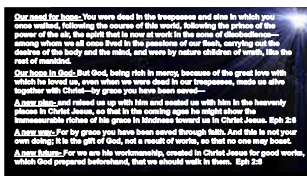
Our hope in God- But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

A new plan- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Eph 2:6

A new way- For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

A new future- For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Eph 2:8

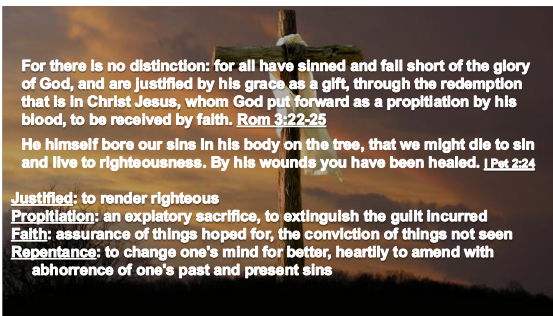
## PRAYER SATUDAY NIGHT



## LEAVE SLIDE UP-

## II. The personal cost to receive the free gift of grace from God-

### A. The cost of grace to Jesus and to God-



For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. Rom 3:22-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 1Pet 2:24

Justified: to render righteous

Propitiation: an expiatory sacrifice, to extinguish the guilt incurred

Faith: assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen

Repentance: to change one's mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past and present sins

**B. Our personal cost to follow Jesus-**

**Please leave up**



I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal 2:20

He said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. Lk 9:23

You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. Col 2:13

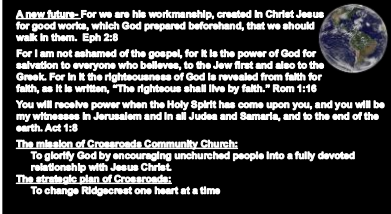
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**B. Take the power of Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ to the world-**



A new future- For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Eph 2:8

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Rom 1:16

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Act 1:8

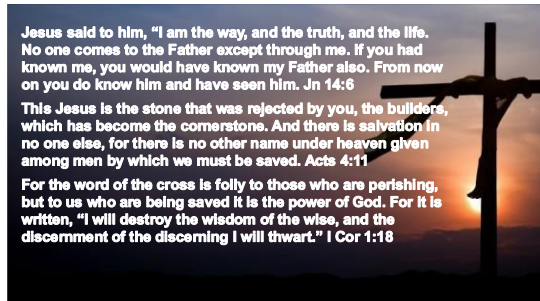
### The mission of Crossroads Community Church:

To glorify God by encouraging unchurched people into a fully devoted relationship with Jesus Christ.

### The strategic plan of Crossroads:

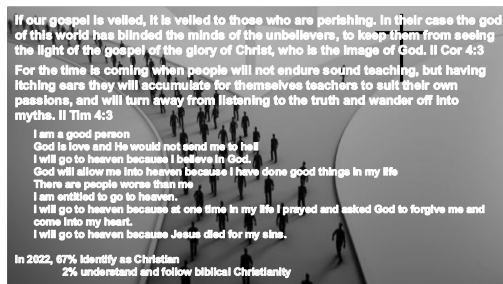
To change Ridgecrest one heart at a time

### III. Our need for the truth about the cross in 2023-



Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him. Jn 14:6  
This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:11  
For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." I Cor 1:18

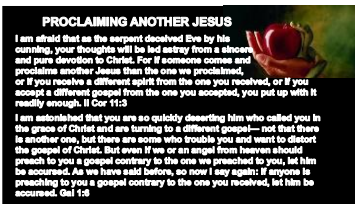
### A. The good news of Jesus is hidden-



If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. II Cor 4:3  
For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. II Tim 4:3

I am a good person  
God is love and He would not send me to hell  
I will go to heaven because I believe in God.  
God will allow me into heaven because I have done good things in my life  
There are people worse than me  
I am entitled to go to heaven.  
I will go to heaven because at one time in my life I prayed and asked God to forgive me and come into my heart.  
I will go to heaven because Jesus died for my sins.  
In 2022, 67% identify as Christian  
2% understand and follow biblical Christianity

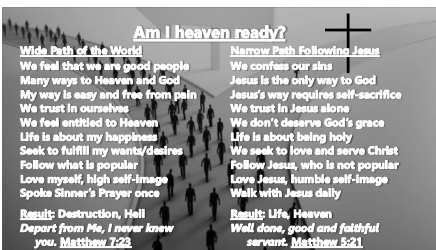
### B. Another Jesus-



I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. II Cor 11:3

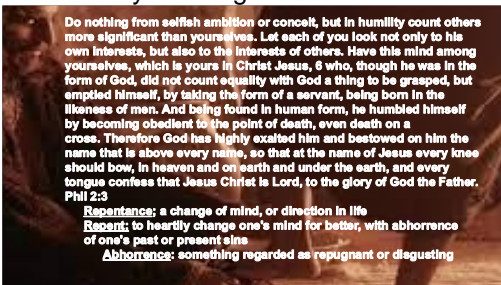
I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. Gal 1:6

## B. Another Gospel-



## C. The real path to Jesus is humbling and unselfish-

The humility of being a doormat-



Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil 2:3

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## IV. Summary and application-

### A. The diagnosis-

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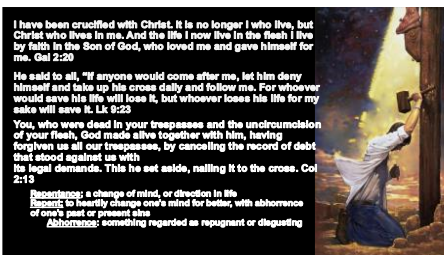
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**B. The treatment plan for a diagnosis of sin**

- 1. Radical- Read the radical cross and the brochure- bring questions



There are options

- 2. What is our diagnosis?

Read the Am I heaven ready brochure  
<https://crossroads-ridgecrest.org/media/j2fdtyw/am-i-heaven-ready>

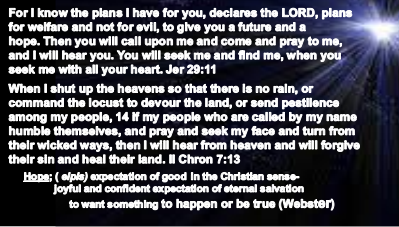
Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! II Cor 13:5

**C. Our hope in God-**

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When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, 14 if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. II Chron 7:13

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