

# Gift of Freedom To HOPE

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# HOPE

- who God is
- His nature and His promises
- experience the hope of Jesus
- HOPE – head (knowing) to our heart (experiencing) to our hands (releasing)

Ephesians 2:12 (NKJV)

**<sup>12</sup> 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.**

- Direct connection between hope and God
- Without God, there is no hope

Modern English language uses hope...

- Hope can be “a desire for something good.”
- Hope can be “an outcome in the future we desire.”
- Hope can be the “basis or reason for thinking my desire may indeed be fulfilled.”

## Biblical Hope...

- Trust in God
- Connected to our faith
- Anticipation that He will be who He says He is
- Anticipation that He will do what He says He will do
- Hope connected to the nature of God

## Romans 8:24-25

**<sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

- making a connection between uncertainty and hope.
- do not need to hope for things that seem certain
- do need to hope for those things that feel uncertain



## HOPE in Scripture...

- Falls against the backdrop of uncertainty
- Foundation on the nature and promises of God
- Anticipation of God's goodness

“something good”

who God is and all that He represents (promises)

- **Romans 15:13 (NKJV) Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**
- **Psalm 71:5 (ESV) For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.**
- **Psalm 33:22 (ESV) Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**
- **1 Timothy 1:1 (ESV) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus, our hope,**

Biblical HOPE...

Is built on the truth of God's nature,  
who He is

“an outcome in the future we desire”  
future that God desires for each one of us

- **Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV) <sup>11</sup> 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.**
- **Proverbs 23:18 (ESV) Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.**

Biblical HOPE...

Is built on the truth of God's promises, what He  
says He will do

“reason for thinking my desire may indeed be fulfilled”  
our belief system

- **1 Peter 1:13** says, <sup>13</sup> **Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

“gird of the loins of your mind”

- “To gird up” prepare for “a journey or a work” by “binding flowing garments around one’s body” so that the person would not be hindered “in their movements”
- The “loins” represented “fruitfulness”
- to “prepare for a work” in your mind that will bring greater fruitfulness in your life.

“reason for thinking my desire may indeed be fulfilled”  
our belief system

- **1 Peter 1:13 (ESV) <sup>13</sup> Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**



- “revelation”
- “the laying bare, disclosure of truth, instruction, concerning things before unknown.”
- preparing our minds for action to change the way we think
- setting our hope, trust, anticipation on His Grace
- we experience new revelation, discovery of the truth of Jesus

Biblical HOPE...

Is built on a renewed mind,  
one that is continually inviting Jesus to bring the  
revelation that

He is who He says He is  
and will do what He says He will do.

When our reservoirs are full of Biblical HOPE...

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His HOPE to others

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- **Titus 3:7 (ESV) So that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**
- God offers **hope of eternal life** – eternal life is available to each one of us as we hope, as we trust in Him.

We release and dispense  
His HOPE to others

- **Romans 5:5 (ESV) 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.**
- **His hope does not put us to shame, it is by His love that has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit that His hope will never lead to shame.**

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His HOPE to others

- **Psalm 130:5 (ESV) I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word I hope;**
- **in His Word I hope** – it is the power of His Word, combined with my choosing to look to Him, wait on Him, that brings HOPE.

We release and dispense  
His HOPE to others

- **Ephesians 1:18 (ESV) Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,**
- **the hope to which He has called you** – there is a destiny, a future and a hope, that God has for each one of His saints, those who have said yes to Jesus.

## We know and experience the HOPE of God...

- Biblical HOPE is built on the truth of God's nature, who He is.
- Biblical HOPE is built on the truth of God's promises, what He says He will do.
- Biblical HOPE is built on a renewed mind, one that is continually inviting Jesus to bring the revelation that He is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do.



We become dispensers of God's HOPE when...

- We release God's **hope of eternal life**
- We release His **hope that does not put us to shame**
- We release the hope that comes from **His Word**
- We release another's destiny by sharing **the hope to which He has called** them