



Hope
Jesus: Ruler of My Personality - Part 4
Luke 17:20-37

The Bible says there are three things essential to life—faith, hope, and love. Today we are going to focus on hope. Someone has said that when there is no hope for the future, there is no meaning in the present. Our hope for the future is based on Jesus Christ and the fact that he died on a cross for our sin and that he reconciled us to the Father. Jesus taught several principles about hope in this passage that should reinforce our confidence and lift our spirits so that we can live a victorious Christian life.

I. Christian hope keeps a _____ perspective.

- A. The Pharisee's hope was in the coming of a _____ Messiah.
- B. What happens in your heart _____ should receive more attention than what's going to happen in the kingdom of God in the _____.
- C. We can get so caught up in predictions about the _____ that we lose our spiritual balance.

II. Christian hope discerns between _____ and _____.

- A. Throughout history there have been people who have claimed that Jesus appeared _____ and we _____ him.
- B. Jesus taught his disciples to be discerning—don't be influenced by _____ claims or predictions of his coming.

III. Christian hope remains _____ regardless of the world's condition.

- A. Jesus claims the days prior to his coming would be like the days of _____.
 - 1. Breakdown of the _____.
 - 2. _____ thoughts dominating men.
 - 3. _____ culture.
- B. Jesus claims the days prior to his coming would be like the days of _____.
 - 1. _____ and _____ and _____.
 - 2. _____ immorality and _____.
 - 3. _____ spiritual truth.

C. The sins of the world can _____ Christian people, but it's the hope of being with Jesus Christ one day that keeps us _____.

IV. Christian hope _____ awaits Christ's _____.

A. Just as God brought _____ in Noah's day and Lot's day, so he will do it again.

B. Our hope is that when this world is destroyed, we are going to be _____ from it.

C. Since we don't know when Jesus will come, we must be _____ at any moment.