

“Hope That Perseveres & Brings Peace”

New Hope Community Church

Romans 8:20-25 / Luke 2:25-32

December 5th, 2021

1. We have the hope of salvation, but not the **sight** of it (Ro 8:24)

- This hope is not the **wishful** thinking hope that the world has
- This hope is based on the **promise** of God
 - Romans 10:13
 - John 1:12
 - John 3:16
- God's promise is as trustworthy as His **character**

2. **Unseen** hope was demonstrated in the Christmas story (Lk 2)

- Simeon was longing for **comfort** for his people (2:25)
- God had promised him he would see **Messiah!** (2:26) (vs 27-32)
- Simeon's comfort (v 30) did not come from what he saw, but from what God had **said**

3. The hope of our salvation is not wishful thinking, but **earnest expectation** (Ro 8:25)

- In the midst of sorrow & pain, we live in the **confidence** of hope
- Because God has said it is so, we **patiently** wait
- Like Simeon, if we hope in God's promise, we have **peace**

Personal Reflection

True peace comes from staying anchored in the hope of Jesus' Second Coming, and with perseverance, watching for it with a daily eagerness!

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Life Group Discussion Questions

Week of December 5, 2021

Read Luke 2:25-32 & Romans 8:20-25 together.

1. The Bible says all creation groans and suffers awaiting its deliverance from slavery to what?

2. Having the first fruits of the Holy Spirit we Christians groan within ourselves waiting for the redemption of what?

3. Give a Biblical definition of “Hope” and how it differs from the world's “wishful thinking”.

How can we pray for you this week?