

HOPE for NKY

HOPE Fulfilled...

The NKY Baptist Association is collaborating in prayer, messages, and action to proclaim the Gospel in our community. There is an epidemic in society and culture pulling people's hearts, minds, and spirits away for the only HOPE they could ever have. The result of that epidemic is a community filled with our own family, friends, and neighbors who lack faith, lack hope, and lack an eternal home. But, there is HOPE. And, when we understand the glory of the Gospel and the tragedy of unbelief, we will develop a deep burden for the lost.

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10

God delights to use us to bring HOPE! That's kind of scary, isn't it. Of all the ways God could choose to reveal Himself to the world...He CHOSE you. So, what do you bring to the table? How can you make that happen? You can't. Only He can. He simply asks for your faith, trust, and to follow Him.

We have seen that our HOPE is found in Jesus alone. He is the fulfillment of all of God's promises and the guarantee on which all our HOPE (faith) rests/waits today.

The Gift -- We are eternally grateful because God didn't just give us enough to scrape by in life. He gave us abundant fulfillment—a forever relationship with Him.

God's Promises: Completed

Prophecy

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet. Matthew 1:22

15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” Matthew 2:15

23 And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene. Matthew 2:23

Law

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. Romans 10:4

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Romans 13:10

Time

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, Galatians 4:4

God's Fulfillment: Completed

23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Body

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Philippians 3:20-21

Mind

2 Do not be conformed to this world,[a] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

16 "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16

Spirit

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:6

16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, Romans 8:16

Fulfillment is Objective. It is found in Christ—in the reality of a relationship with God, living out His purpose, and realizing His promises.

Contentment is a Choice

11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:11-13

The person who is truly fulfilled in Christ has no choice but to be grateful. Gratitude is shown in giving thanks. We give, serve, love, forgive, and abide as thanks to God who is worthy of all praise.

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday*

Let's dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

Monday – God keeps His promises and has proven it over and over. How can you know that to be true in the Bible and in your own life today?

Tuesday – Jesus is the fulfillment of ALL of God's promises. How does Jesus fulfill all of God's promises for prophecy, the law, and time? How is Jesus the answer to ALL of your questions today?

Wednesday – God makes us new, in Christ Jesus, body, mind, and soul. Where have you seen this most in your life? Which of those 3 is He still working on you?

Thursday – Gratitude is the only natural response to recognizing all that God has, is, and will do for us. How do you express your gratitude to God?

Friday – Psalm 23:1 says, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." How is this statement true even in poverty, hunger, grief, and persecution? How can we recall this in those times?