A World in Need: The Universal Need for Hope

Ephesians 2:11-20

Intro: I Thessalonians 4:13 refers to two groups of people. Those who possess hope and "the rest" who have no hope. In these two groups we see great need. Those described by this Scripture as having no hope we will label "lifeless hope". Those who do possess hope; Scripture labels (I Peter 1:3) as having "living hope". Both groups have needs when it comes to hope, but those needs are quite distinct from one another!

I. A lifeless hope- Ephesians 2:12

- A. Without C_____
- B. Without c_____
- C. Without c_____
- D. Without c_____
- E. Without C_____

* Solution:

II. A living hope- I Peter 1:3

- A. A languishing hope-
 - 1. W_____ hope- I Peter 1:13
 - 2. W_____ hope- Hebrews 3:6
 - 3. W_____ hope- I Thessalonians 4:13
 - 4. W_____ hope- Colossians 1:25

*Solution:

- B. A lively hope-
 - 1. W_____ hope- Hebrews 6:18
 - 2. W_____ hope- I Peter 3:15
 - 3. W_____ hope- I John 3:3

*Caution:

Conclusion: There are 7 billion people living without any divine hope. We have the message of hope. Will we share it? Many believers who possess a living hope are living with languishing hope. Will we encourage them through living a life of lively hope?