

Jesus - Center - Hope Has a Name

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BIBLICAL HOPE VS OPTIMISM

Optimism is choosing to see in any situation how circumstances could work out for the best

Biblical Hope is a desire for some future good with the expectation of obtaining it. It is trustful expectation that is based on a PERSON (God of Hope), not circumstances.

-Hebrews 6:19-20

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15:13 (NIV)***

THE FATHER IS THE SOURCE OF HOPE

-Colossians 1:27; Lamentations 3:24

JOY - (chara)

It's an attitude the people of God adopt not because of happy circumstances but because of their hope in God and his promises.

PEACE - (eriene)

Eirene is the way things "ought" to be between you and God, you and others, you and the earth, and you internally

TRUST IS THE DOORWAY TO HOPE

-Hebrews 11:1; Psalm 71:5

JESUS MODELED A LIFESTYLE OF HOPE FILLED WITH JOY AND PEACE

-Hebrews 1:8-9; John 14:26-27

PROXIMITY PRODUCES EMPATHY

-Luke 19:1-10

HOPE EXPERIENCED IS ALWAYS INTENDED TO BE HOPE EXPRESSED

THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS HOPE

-Romans 5:5

HOPE IS A POWERFUL UNIFYING FORCE

Questions

1. 'May the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace' Are you experiencing being filled completely, to the full with joy and peace? What would it look like for the world to see you filled to the fullest measure with all joy and peace?
2. Read John 14:26-27. How do these words of Jesus give you hope? What action does Jesus tell us to take? How would that change your outlook/attitude in your current circumstances?
3. Read Luke 19:1-10. Is there someone in your life for whom you need empathy? Is there a way you could step into proximity with that person?
4. How do people experience you?

Pray: Holy Spirit, I'm putting you back to the center of my life! I want to be a carrier of Hope, Joy, and Peace! Amen