

HOPE REALLY MATTERS



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1 Peter 1:13, ESV – ¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of May 17, 2020

1 Peter 1:13

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This weekend we were reminded that we are to live this day, and every day, with a hope rooted in "The Day". Practically speaking, what does this look like on a day-to-day basis?

2 How would you describe a "ready" mind? How would you describe a "sober" mind? Which one do you have the most difficulty doing? Explain.

3 How is our hope in "The Day" related to our identity in Christ?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Romans 8:23-25, ESV** – ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

1 Thessalonians 5:8-10, ESV – ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

4 Looking at the passages above, we see that salvation is the foundation of our hope. How does the Holy Spirit provide assurance of our salvation, which leads to hope?

5 How do each of the three spiritual qualities listed in the 1 Thessalonians passage serve to give us protection?

6 In what ways can a proper understanding of Jesus' coming benefit God's people (1 Thess 5:11)? How can a believer's proper understanding benefit a nonbeliever?

B **Acts 1:8, ESV** – ⁸ *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*”

Matt 28:18-20, ESV, ¹⁸ *And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

7 According to the passages above, what is Jesus' mission for believers? How does Jesus empower believers to accomplish His mission?

8 In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus clearly lays out the blueprint for the mission: go, make disciples, baptize them, teach them to obey. This is a process and not a one-time event or experience. What is a disciple? Why is baptism important? What commandments should they be taught to obey?

9 Not only does Jesus command us to make disciples, but He empowers us with “all authority” to do so. How are you fulfilling this command in your life?

TAKING IT HOME

This week, we were reminded that hope really matters. In the midst of our daily activities, believers should rest in the hope of our salvation. But our hope is not just for ourselves, it is for those around us. How are you doing at encouraging and building up other believers? How are you doing at making disciples, passing your hope on to others? Share with your group or accountability partner and pray for a spirit of hope, encouragement of others, and of making disciples.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Romans 15:4
1 Timothy 4:6-10
Titus 2:11-15
Hebrews 6:9-12