

FAITH & HOPE – Part 1

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- What is Faith?

Rom. 4:20 Paul writing about Abraham – “He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God”
21 Paul continued – “Being fully convinced that what He had promised, He was also able to perform”

An important factor in life = what has God promised?

A major problem with the subject of faith = people misinterpreting the promises

Mark 11:23 whoever . . . believe that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says
24 whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you [will] receive them and you will have them
2 Cor. 12:9 the Lord said – “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness”
James 4:2 some people do not receive – because they do not ask
3 other people do not receive – because they ask amiss

- What is Hope?

Phil. 1:20 according to my earnest expectation and hope

- How do Faith and Hope work together?

Acts 24:14-15 believing things written in the Law and the Prophets – I have hope in God – that there will be a resurrection of the dead (both of the just and the unjust)
Heb. 11:1 faith is the substance of things hoped for
1 Pet. 1:21 through the Son of God, we believe in God – who raised the Son from the dead and gave Him glory – so that your faith and hope are in God

FAITH & HOPE – Part 2

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- Title – “Faith & Hope – Part 2”
- In the first presentation, we talked about how Faith & Hope work together
- In this second presentation, we will notice 3 examples of Faith & Hope in action

· King Hezekiah

- 2 Kings 20:1 Isaiah relayed a message – “Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live”
- 2-3 Hezekiah prayed – “remember now, oh Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight” – Hezekiah wept bitterly
- 5-7 “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you . . .
- I will add to your days 15 years . . . and I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria”

· Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego

- Dan. 3:12 there are certain Jews who will not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up
- 14 Nebuchadnezzar asked – “is it true?”
- 17-18 our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace – but if He does not, we will not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up

· The Son of God

- Matt. 26:37 the Son of God “began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed”
- 38 “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death”
- 39 “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will”
- 42 “My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done”
- 44 He prayed the third time – saying the same words