

One: Week Five – Hope

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Review

- Elections – a prayer night – the podcast on website/app – directed prayer – in life groups praying these next few weeks
- Why the series? Becoming one – unified

Ephesians 4:1–6 (NIV) ¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to **one hope** when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

1st Notice in the context of the church – Out of the many -one

- We had the same problem – dead in transgressions
- We still have the same issues internally
- But we are marked by the Holy Spirit
- We are children of the Father
- Citizens of the Kingdom
- One body – the church
- What is hope –

Ephesians 2:1–5 (NIV) Galatians 5:16–18 (NLT)

2nd One Hope – of a happy ending a shared future

- What is hope
- Where does it come from – our faith
- Hope for what

Hebrews 11:1–2 (NIV) ¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Romans 4:21–22 (NIV) ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”

3rd Hope now---corporately – we can be used by God together for His mission

- Notice we have one shared hope – corporate significance

Ephesians 1:3–10 (NIV) ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸ that he lavished on us.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) ¹⁰ For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Revelation 5:8–10 (NIV) Revelation 21:1–4 (NLT)

4th Hope now personally --when that dies personally in us it impacts the corporate

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Matthew 10:28–31 (NIV) ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

5th Where does it come from ----I can have hope now – How?

A. We must put on hope personally – 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

1 Thessalonians 5:8 (NIV) ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1 Peter 3:13–16 (NIV) ¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

Colossians 3:1–4 (NIV)

I remember – He sees me

My biggest internal struggle – that God knows me personally -El Roi

Genesis 16:13–14 (NIV) ¹³ She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.” ¹⁴ That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

Psalms 139:1–18 (NIV)

He is intentionally bringing people into your lives --We help each other put on hope

Jude 3 (NIV) ³ Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God’s holy people.

Jude 20–23 (NIV) ²⁰ But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. ²² Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

2 Corinthians 1:3–4 (NIV) ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

B. My encouragement to you -- We don’t give into confusion or fear –doubt – we wait patiently and remember Gods promises

Romans 8:22–31 (NLT)

The enemy desires to steal our hope so he can make us....

- Give up
- Not encourage others
- Find a different way to cope
- Have an “If you can’t beat them join them” attitude –



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