



MESSAGE NOTES

THERE IS HOPE

Hebrews 6:18-20

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Hope in eternity

Both doctors and psychologists recognise the importance of having hope in overcoming sickness and disease and living a long healthy life. Simply put we can't live without hope. As Christians we have a real hope in Christ, a hope that is true and unshakeable.

Hebrews 6:19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

No matter what you go through in life, if your hope is in Jesus you'll be unshakeable. Real hope has a basis, a solid foundation. We gain hope from Jesus and from His resurrection because this means that we too will be resurrected and that this life isn't all there is. No matter how bad things get for us in this life there is an unimaginably far greater eternal life ahead of us.

Hope in God working it all for good

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

From this verse we can understand another characteristic of real hope which is that real hope provides a purpose for your troubles. Our troubles are achieving something for us and achieving something in us.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God.

Not everything that happens in this life is good, there's a lot of evil in the world. But God can use it all for good, He can bring good out of evil. And even though we can't see it at the time, we can trust in Him and cling to this promise.

When feeling hopeless

Colossians 3:2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

When we're feeling hopeless, we need to change our perspective. Shift the focus off your problems and unto to God. The most practical way to do this is through prayer. In prayer, as we give everything to God, we start to see everything from His perspective.