

LESSON 3

THE HOPE OF GLORY: ALLOWING THE CHRIST IN YOU TO ARISE

INTRODUCTION

HOPE IN GOD IS A VERY VITAL AND IMPORTANT ASPECT IN OUR LIVES

- If hope doesn't arise in our minds or thinking, then our spirits will be weakened, but if confident expectation arises in us, then that is like a tree of life. (Proverbs 13:12)
- "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord." (Jer. 17:7 KJV)
- "The Lord is my portion, saith my soul, therefore will I hope in Him." (Lamentations 3:24 KJV)

THE PRINCIPLE OF HOPING IN THE LORD HAS BECOME THE CALL OF THE LORD UPON ALL THOSE OF THE NEW COVENANT

**"HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL IN THE HUMAN BREAST."
(ALEXANDER POPE)**

DEFINITION OF HOPE

- The feeling that what one desires will happen.

THE THREE THINGS THAT ABIDE ETERNALLY – FAITH, HOPE, LOVE
(1 COR. 13:13) – GROW OUT OF ONE ANOTHER

Definitions

- Faith – Hebrews 11:1
 - A believing and relying on something (or someone) without proof
 - Synonymous with trust
- Hope – a confidence and an expectation in that which one trusts
- Love – to regard with favor or to make much of that which (or whom) one trusts and has confidence and expectation in

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Without faith, hope cannot spring eternal, and without faith and hope, love cannot become full and therefore the greatest of the abiding virtues.

HOW THESE ETERNAL VIRTUES DEVELOP IN OUR HEARTS AND LIVES

- Faith – Romans 10:17 NKJV
 - “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”
 - Knowledge produces faith.
 - Knowledge about God and what He has done produces faith in God.
- Hope grows in us as we hear and understand and believe more of God’s Word, for hope is merely a confident expectation in that which we have faith.
- As a result of learning to trust in God through the hearing of His Word, and then actually trusting and hoping, we more fully love God.
- It is through love that all our Lord represented and demonstrated here on earth can be carried on through us.

THE CHRISTIAN’S CALL TO HOPE

SCRIPTURES

- Colossians 1:23-29
- 1 Thess. 1:3-4; 5:8
- 2 Thess. 2:16-17
- 1 Tim. 1:1
- Titus 1:2; 2:13; 3:7
- Hebrews 3:5-6; 6:11-19; 7:19
- 1 Peter 1:3-5, 13, 21; 3:15
- 1 John 3:1-3
- Romans 5:1-5; 8:17-25

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WE MUST FULLY COMPREHEND AND APPROPRIATE THE TRUTH THAT CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO SITS ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN, HAS COMMITTED HIS LIFE PRINCIPLE TO US.

- He is in us – to will and to do that which the Father wants done here on earth.
- Appropriating the “Christ in us” principle is our Lord’s call upon our lives and is at the same time our hope of glory.

HOW TO APPROPRIATE THE PRINCIPLE OF “CHRIST IN US, THE HOPE OF GLORY” – HOW TO PERMIT AND PROMOTE “GOD ARISING IN US”

- Meditate upon the truth of God’s Word that Christ is in us to will and to do the will of the Father until it becomes a present and constant reality in our minds and hearts.
- Constantly remember that allowing the Christ in us to arise is the only way that the true work of God can be accomplished on earth, for this scatters the enemy and allows God to send down His glory to man.
- After this truth is sealed in our hearts, then we who are subdued in the Lord and are hearkening to His Voice must actually step out and do that which we believe God wants done. God chooses to work here on earth through man. This is why He called out a people to Himself.
- We must be willing to continue in this hope of our calling until Christ comes again even if it requires self-sacrifice (Luke 9:62).

CONCLUSION

- Failure to mature in this concept of growing up in our confidence in the God within us is what holds most of us back today from doing the greater ministry in the Spirit.
- Concluding Prayer – Ephesians 1:17-23