

Unpacking Hope

Introduction:

- The History of The House of Hope - Macon
- *The Audacity of Hope*, written by Barack Obama

“What gives me the most hope every day is God’s grace; knowing that His grace is going to give me the strength for whatever I face, knowing that nothing is a surprise to God.” Rick Warren

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness.” Desmond Tutu

Hope Versus Optimism

Optimism says, “Things will get better.”

Hope says, “I don’t know if things will get better, but I will continue to hold on regardless.”

I. The Definition of Hope

A. Hope is a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.

B. The Greek word for Hope is: *Elpis*

- *Elpis* means: expectation, confidence, trust
- **1 Corinthians 13:7-13 ESV**

1. The Triumphant Trinity

- a. Faith - revealed by what we believe.
- b. Hope - revealed in our conviction that things will get better.
- c. Love - revealed by our behavior.

II. The Formation of Hope

Romans 5:2-5 ESV

A. Hope is a process.

Romans 8:23-25 ESV

B. Hurts can birth hope.

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III. The Foundation Of Hope

1 Timothy 6:17

IV. The Consolation Of Hope

1 Thessalonians 4:13

- A. Existential
- B. Eschatological
- C. Emotional

V. The Explanation Of Hope

1 Peter 3:15

- A. Be ready to honor the Holy.
- B. Give your reason for your hope.
- C. Be respectful so that you can be helpful.

VI. The Evolution of Hope

Lamentations 3: 18-24

- A. Recall things to your mind
- B. Received many mercies
- C. Restarts compassions every morning
- D. Realize the faithfulness of the Master

Hymns Of Meditation

Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

On Christ The Solid Rock I Stand