



Sunday, April 5, 2020

MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

I. HOPE in the STORM (Romans 15 & Luke 24)

Biblical hope is based upon truth which carries the idea of a confident expectation; something that is certain but not yet realized.

Instead of *“I hope so”* it is an *“I know so.”* It is the confident understanding or an absolute certainty which is based upon the unchanging truths of an unchanging and faithful God who cannot lie—what He promises, He brings to pass.

A. HOPE in **Believing** because GOD’S WORD can be TRUSTED (Romans 15:8-13)

Romans 15:13 Now the **God** of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing *[the exercise of faith]*, that ye may abound *[overflow]* in hope, through the power of the **Holy Ghost**.

1. The **Situation** of HOPELESSNESS is FAITHLESSNESS

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred *[delayed expectations]* maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.

Job 8:13-14 So are the paths of all that forget **God**; and the hypocrite's *[the impious or godless]* hope shall perish: **14** Whose hope shall be cut off *[destroyed]*, and whose trust shall be a spider's web *[fig. speaking of it's frailty]*.

Psalm 42:5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in **God**: for I shall yet praise **Him** *for* the help of **His** countenance.

2. The **Source** of HOPE is the FATHER – “the God of hope”

There is hope when the “God of hope” is your heavenly Father. There is hope when you can enjoy the relationship of hope as you rest in the “God of hope.”

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified *[declared righteous]* by faith, we have peace *[quietness / tranquility of mind]* with **God** through our **Lord Jesus Christ**:

Romans 5:2 By **Whom** also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope *[confidence]* of the glory of **God**.

3. The **Supply** of Hope is our FAITH

1 Peter 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see **Him** not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

4. The **Sufficiency** of Hope is GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

2 Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are sufficient *[adequate in]* of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *[adequacy]* *is* of **God**;

a. His **Promised** Faithfulness

Notice that Paul says, “... that ye may abound in hope, ...” (Rom 15:13) – This word, “abound” speaks of something in excess—having more than enough.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful *is* **He** that calleth you, **Who** also will do *it*.

b. His **Past** Faithfulness

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, *[in order]* that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have *[keep on having]* hope *[patient confidence]*.

Genesis 22:18 And in thy **Seed** shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed **My** voice.

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy **King** cometh unto thee: **He** is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Isaiah 52:13 through the end of Isaiah 53 along with Psalm 22 describe the suffering Messiah that is clearly fulfilled in Christ's crucifixion.

We can go back to the prophecies of Christ's birth being born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:4) in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). He fulfilled nearly 40 O.T. prophecies in His first advent.

5. The **Sustaining** of Hope is our **FAITHFULNESS**

Lamentations 3:21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

Lamentations 3:24 "The **LORD** is my portion," saith my soul; "therefore will I hope in Him."

Eph. 3:20-21 Now unto **Him** that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think [*far beyond comprehension*], according to the **Power** that worketh in us, **21** Unto **Him** be glory in the church by **Christ Jesus** throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.



BIBLICAL HOPE IS ROOTED IN THE STABILIZING TRUTHS OF GOD. It is a CONFIDENT EXPECTATION that God will be faithful to fulfill His promises based upon His past faithfulness. We can enjoy consistent hope in the storm as we rely upon SPIRIT OF GOD and meditate upon the stabilizing truths of the WORD OF GOD.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF SIN***)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew your mind***)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (***Put ON CHRIST***)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must I demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will I most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!