

“The Points Of Hope”
Titus 2:11-14

Introduction:

1. Please Turn With Me In Your Bibles To:
 - Titus 2 - As We Continue Our Look:
 - On Sunday Nights - At Our Blessed Hope:
 - As Christians!
 - We Have Already Looked At:
 - The Person Of Our Hope:
 - Who Is - Of Course - Our Savior:
 - The Lord Jesus Christ!
 - We Have Also Looked At:
 - The Power Of Our Hope:
 - Which Really Is The Power Of Christ:
 - Given To Us In The Form Of His Promises To His People!
 - It Is These Promises:
 - That Empower Us & Fuel Our Lives:
 - As We Live & Serve Him!
 - We Have Also Considered:
 - The Properties Of Our Hope:
 - That Is - What Kind Of Hope:
 - Does The Lord Offer Us?
 - Our Hope Is A Lively Hope!
 - A Better Hope!
 - And An Everlasting Hope!
 - In Fact - What Jesus Is:
 - Our Hope Is!
 - Because - ***Our Hope In Christ Is Linked To The Life Of Christ!***
 - Last Sunday Night We Looked At:
 - The Purpose Of Our Hope!
 - When We Have Such A Great Hope:
 - We Need To Introduce It & To Share It With Others Who Are In Need Of This Kind Of Hope!
 - Did You Have The Opportunity:
 - And Did You Prepare For The Opportunity:
 - To Share Your Hope With Someone Last Week?
 - Remember 1 Peter 3:15 - “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear!”
 - This Is The Purpose Of Our Hope!
2. Tonight - We Are Going To Transition:
 - Our Series On Hope:
 - And Start Looking At Specific:
 - Points Of Our Hope!
 - **IE:** Perhaps You Remember One Of The Phrases That President George H. W. Bush Was Known For! That Is - “Bush 41!” In His Acceptance Speech For The Republican Presidential Nomination In 1988, He Spoke Of “A Thousand Points Of Light!”
 - He Used These Words To Describe The American People & The American Dream!
 - Well - What We Find In The Scriptures:
 - Is Not A Thousand Points Of Light – But A Thousand Points Of Hope!
 - These “Points” That Gleam From Heaven To Earth:
 - And Can Be Found In The Word Of God & In The Son Of God:
 - Are Given To Us - So That We Might Keep Our Sights Set On Our Blessed Hope!
 - So - Beginning Tonight:
 - We Are Going To Look At 7 Specific:
 - “Points Of Hope” That Are Given To Every Christian, Who Has Jesus As Their “Blessed Hope!”

* To Begin - We Need To See:

1. The Future Of Our Hope!

- Each One Of These 7 Points Of Hope:
 - Describes Something That We Have To Look Forward To!
 - Especially When We Leave This World:
 - Whether By Death Or By The Rapture!
 - Like To Look At These Just Briefly:
- First Point Of Hope:
 - Is The Hope Of The Gospel!
 - Colossians 1:23 - "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister!"
 - The Hope Of The Gospel:
 - Is What The "Good News" Of Jesus Christ Offers To Everyone Who Believes!
 - The Good News Of:
 - His Death!
 - His Burial!
 - His Resurrection!
 - Although The Gospel Is Based On:
 - What Has Happened In The Past:
 - There Is Still So Much Future Hope:
 - In The Gospel:
 - For Us As Christians!
 - And We Will Look More Closely At:
 - Our "Hope Of The Gospel" Next Week!
- Second Point Of Hope:
 - Is The Hope Of Salvation!
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8 - "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. / For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. / But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation!"
 - In This Abbreviated Passage:
 - On The Armor Of God:
 - We See How The "Hope Of Salvation" Is Our Protective Helmet:
 - That Will Keep Us Safe Until We Reach The Shores Of Heaven!
 - And Once Again - Although Our Salvation:
 - Is Based On What Has Happened In The Past:
 - And Is Secure For All Those Who Believe:
 - There Is Still So Much Future Hope In Our Salvation!
 - When We Will Be Saved Finally & Forever:
 - From The Power Of Sin & Even The Very Presence Of Sin!
- Third Point Of Hope:
 - Is The Hope Eternal Life!
 - Titus 1:1-2 - "Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness / In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began!"
 - Titus 3:7 - "That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life!"
 - The Hope Of Eternal Life:
 - By Virtue Of Its Very Definition:
 - Is A Future Hope!
 - But What Does Eternal Life Mean? And What Will Eternal Life Be Like?
And Even When Does Eternal Life Begin?
 - **IE:** Hasn't This Been The Quest For Adventurers & Explorers & Even Scientists For Thousands Of Years? The Afterlife! The Fountain Of Youth! Even Modern Cryogenics!
 - And Yet - Only Christians Have The Hope Of Eternal Life!
 - What A Hope We Have!

- Fourth Point Of Hope:
 - Is The Hope Of His Calling!
 - Ephesians 1:15-18 - “Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, / 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; / 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: / 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints!”
 - Also - Ephesians 4:4 - “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling!”
 - The Hope Of His Calling & The Hope Of Your Calling:
 - Is Still A Future Hope!
 - He Has Called Us From:
 - Many Things In Our Past!
 - Now What Has He Called Us To:
 - In Our Bright Future?
- Fifth Point Of Hope:
 - Is The Hope Of The Promise!
 - Paul’s Own Testimony To King Agrippa - Acts 26:6-7 - “And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers: / 7 Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope’s sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews!”
 - The Hope Of The Promise:
 - “Made Of God Unto Our Fathers!”
 - What Promise / Promises Were These?
 - And What Is Our Relationship:
 - As Christians:
 - To These Ancient Promises Given To The Patriarchs - Like Abraham, Isaac & Jacob?
 - Is There Still A Future Hope:
 - In Those Promises:
 - That Is Yet To Be Fulfilled?
- Sixth Point Of Hope:
 - Is The Hope Of Righteousness!
 - Galatians 5:5 - “For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith!”
 - The Hope Of Righteousness:
 - We Know By Experience – All Too Well:
 - Is Still A Future Hope!
 - But It Is Still Something:
 - That Every Christian Can “Wait” For:
 - Knowing That It Will Surely Come To Pass!
 - Remember Some Of The Last Words Of Paul:
 - To Timothy - 2 Timothy 4:6-8 - “For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. / I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: / Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing!”
 - What A Glorious Hope:
 - That You Will Be Holy & Righteous:
 - Some Day!
 - But Even Further:
- Seventh Point Of Hope:
 - Is The Hope Of The Glory Of God!
 - Romans 5:1-2 - “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: / By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God!”
 - The Hope Of The Glory Of God:
 - Is One Of The Greatest Things:
 - A Christian Has To Look Forward To!

- In The Future:
 - Every Christian Will Share In:
 - The Glory Of God & Of Our Savior, Jesus Christ!
 - 1 John 3:2 - “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is!”
 - Yes - It Will Be Worth It All, When We See Jesus!
- These Seven Specific Points Of Hope:
 - Are All Still In The Future!
 - And This Is A Great Thing!
 - Because God Uses These Points Of Hope To Help Us Through Our Lives In This World!
 - Romans 8:24-25 - “For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? / But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it!”
 - So - We Need To Keep Waiting Patiently:
 - For The Final Fulfilment Of These & Other Points Of Hope!
 - This Is The Future Of Our Hope!

* But - Second - Need To Always Remember:

2. *The Fellowship Of Our Hope!*

- It Is Interesting To Note:
 - That Every One Of The “Points Of Hope” That:
 - We Will Look At:
 - Are Intimately Connected With Jesus Christ, Who Remains The Person Of Hope:
 - And Is – Himself – Our Blessed Hope!
 - We Have The Hope:
 - Of The Gospel:
 - Because It Is The Gospel:
 - And The Good News Of Whom?
 - Of Jesus Christ!
 - Without Christ:
 - There Would Be No Good News!
 - And No Hope!
 - We Have The Hope:
 - Of Salvation:
 - Because It Is Jesus Alone:
 - Who Saves!
 - Acts 4:12 - “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved!”
 - Without Christ:
 - There Would Be No Salvation!
 - And No Hope!
 - We Have The Hope:
 - Of Eternal Life:
 - Because Jesus Himself Is:
 - The “Resurrection And The Life!”
 - John 11:25 - “Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live!”
 - Without Christ:
 - There Would Be No Eternal Life!
 - Only Death & Damnation & Destruction!
 - And No Hope!
 - We Have The Hope:
 - Of His Calling:
 - Because Jesus Himself:
 - Called Us!
 - 1 Peter 2:9 - “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light!”

- Without Christ:
 - There Would Be No Special Calling:
 - And We Would Remain In Darkness!
 - And Without Any Hope!
- We Have The Hope:
 - Of The Promise:
 - Because Jesus Offers The Promises Of God:
 - To All Who Believe In & Trust In Him!
 - Ephesians 2:11-13 - “Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; / 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: / 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ!”
 - Without Christ:
 - There Would Be No Hope:
 - For Us In The Promises Of God!
- We Have The Hope:
 - Of Righteousness:
 - Because Jesus Himself:
 - Is Righteous!
 - And Justifies Us With His Own Righteousness In The Presence Of God!
 - Philippians 3: 8-9 - “Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, / And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith!”
 - Jesus Christ Applies His Righteousness Onto Our Account!
 - And Without Christ:
 - We Would Have No Hope:
 - For True & Lasting Righteousness:
 - Ever!
- We Have The Hope:
 - Of The Glory Of God:
 - Because Jesus Himself:
 - Is Glorious!
 - Hebrews 1:1-3 - “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, / 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; / 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high!”
 - And Through His Glory:
 - We Will One Day Share In His Glory!
 - 2 Corinthians 3;18 - “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord!”
- This Is The Fellowship Of Our Hope!
 - Every Point Of Hope:
 - Depends On Jesus Christ!
 - Which Entirely Makes Sense, Since He Is The Person Of Home & Is Our Primary Hope!
 - And This Leads Us To:

3. ***The Focus Of Our Hope!***

- Whenever We Look At The Points Of Hope:
 - They Are Intended To:
 - Encourage Us & Empower Us:
 - In Our Lives & Service For The Lord!
- But We Must Not:
 - Keep Our Focus Merely On:

- Those Bright & Shining Points Of Hope:
 - In And Of Themselves!
- Instead - We Need To See:
 - Where All Those Points:
 - Get Their Brightness & Their Light From!
 - Christ Himself & His Glory!
- Our Greatest Hope:
 - Is Our Savior!
 - In The Words Of Our Theme Verse:
 - Titus 2:13 - Keep - “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ!”

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