

“The Hope Of Salvation”
1 Thessalonians 5:8

Introduction:

1. In Our Series On “Our Blessed Hope” As Christians:
 - We Are Now Looking At:
 - The Seven “Points Of Hope” That We Find:
 - Especially In The New Testament!
2. Tonight - We Will Consider:
 - The Second Point:
 - Which We Find In 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!”
 - The Point Of Hope We Find In This Passage Is:
 - “The Hope Of Salvation!” (2x)
3. Now - When It Comes To “Hope” We Need To Remember:
 - What Paul Tells Us About It - In:
 - Romans 8:24 - “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?”
 - In Other Words - Hope In The New Testament:
 - Always Looks Forward!
 - Always Looks To The Future!
 - So - If Someone Were To Ask You:
 - “Are You Saved?”
 - What Would You Tell Them - Especially When You Remember 1 Thessalonians 5:8?
 - The “Hope Of / For Salvation!”
 - If You Are Trusting Jesus Christ:
 - As Your Savior From Sin:
 - Your Answer Would Be:
 - “Yes!”
 - But - Your Answer Would Also Need To Be:
 - “No!” - Or - “Not Entirely!”
 - “Not Completely!”
4. Because Salvation For A Believer In Christ:
 - Who Is Still Living On This Earth Has:
 - A Past Element!
 - A Present Element!
 - And A Future Element!
 - The Past Element Of Salvation Is Seen:
 - When It Is Referred To:
 - As An “Accomplished Fact!”
 - Titus 3:5 - “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost!”
 - So - If You Are Believing In & Trusting:
 - The Gospel - Are You Saved?
 - Absolutely!
 - It Is An “Accomplished Fact!”
 - But What Does This Mean?
 - What Are You Saved From?
 - And How Is Your Salvation Experienced In Your Life Today?
 - The Present Element Of Salvation Is Seen:
 - When It Is Referred To:
 - As A Present Process!
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-2 - “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; / By which also ye are [being] saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain!”
 - So - If You Believe In “The Gospel” Which Has Been “Preached Unto You” You Are Also:
 - In The Process Of:

- Being Saved!
 - It Is A “Present Process!”
 - But How Does This Happen?
 - But - There Is Also The Past Element Seen:
 - When It Is Referred To:
 - As A “Future Prospect!”
 - Romans 13:11 - “And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed!”
 - So - Since You Are Trusting In Jesus Alone As Your Savior:
 - There Will Come A Day When You Are:
 - “Saved!”
 - Finally & Completely!
 - Arthur Pink Describes These:
 - As “Three Distinct Phases & Stages Of Salvation!”
 - And That Leads Us Back To The:
 - “Hope” – The Future Hope – “Of Salvation” That Belongs To Every Christian!
5. So - Yes - You Are Saved:
- As Soon As You “Believe On The Lord Jesus Christ!”
 - But God Is Not Entirely Done “Saving” You!
 - There Is So Much More To Your Salvation Than Meets The Eye!
 - So - What Is:
 - Our “Hope Of Salvation?”

* The Hope To Be:

1. *Saved Entirely From The Pleasure Of Sin!*

- In Hebrews 11:24-25 - We Are Told About:
 - The Faith Of Moses - “By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; / Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season!”
 - We Learn From 11:25 - That There Are:
 - “Pleasures In Sin” - Even If It Is Just:
 - “For A Season!”
 - And The Truth Is:
 - As A Fallen & A Sinful Human Being:
 - “We Are Not Only Born Into This World With An Evil Nature – But With Hearts That Are Thoroughly In Love With Sin!” (Pink)
 - Our Hearts Are Like:
 - “Sin Magnets!”
 - And We Desperately Need To Be:
 - Saved From The Pleasure Of Sin!
 - And Because Of Our Own Nature:
 - We Cannot Save Ourselves!
 - Instead - We Are Like The Dog:
 - In Proverbs 26:11 - “As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly!”
 - We Keep Going Back To Our Sin Because We Love Our Sin!
 - And So - One Of The First Things That Happens:
 - When You Turn To & Trust In Jesus:
 - To Be Your Savior - Is That - You Are Given A Brand New Nature!
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 - “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new!”
 - This All Takes Place:
 - Through “Regeneration!”
 - In Regeneration:
 - You Are Saved From The Pleasure Of Your Sin!
 - Because When You Are Truly Born Again:
 - The Pleasure Of Your Sin:
 - Will Start To Lose Its Luster!
 - See This In The Experience Of The Apostle Paul:
 - In Romans 7:22-25 - “For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: / But I see another

law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. / O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? / I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin!"

- So - When You Are Saved:

- There Are Now Other Things That:

- Delight You & Please You!

- The Things Of God, And Not Just The Things Of Your Old Flesh!

- And - When You Do Sin:

- It Is Not Easy For You!

- It Is Not Pleasant For You!

- It Makes You Miserable - Until You:

- "Confess Your Sins" – Knowing That – "He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive Us Our Sins, And To Cleanse Us From All Unrighteousness!" (1 John 1:9)

- But There Is Still:

- Some Pleasure Of Sin:

- Isn't There?

- Still A Pull! Not As Strong!

- But - There Is Hope For You:

- When Your Faith & Hope Are In Jesus Christ!

- Your Hope Is That:

- One Day - You Will Be Completely:

- And Entirely Saved From:

- The Pleasure Of Sin!

- This Is "The Hope Of Salvation!"

- Every True Christian Has! Also Has:

* The Hope To Be:

2. *Saved Entirely From The Penalty Of Sin!*

- In Romans 6:23 - We Are Reminded Of The:

- Penalty & Punishment For Our Sin - "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

- Not Just A Physical Death & Separation From Our Bodies!

- But A Spiritual Death & Separation From God Forever - In Hell & In The Lake Of Fire!

- And Every One Of Us:

- Has This Destiny Because Of Our Sin:

- And Our Sin Nature!

- 1 Corinthians 15:22-23 - "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. / For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive!"

- And We Desperately Need To Be:

- Saved From The Penalty Of Sin!

- And Because Of Our Own Guilt:

- We Cannot Save Ourselves!

- And So - One Of The Greatest Blessings We Are Given:

- In Christ Is:

- Pardon & Forgiveness For Our Sin!

- Paul's Message In Antioch - Acts 13:38-39 - "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: / And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses!"

- And This All Takes Place:

- Through "Justification!"

- In Justification:

- You Are Saved From The Penalty Of Your Sin!

- Not Only Do You Receive:

- The Forgiveness Of Christ!

- You Also Receive:

- The Faithfulness Of Christ:

- To Your Own Account!

- This Is The Great Exchange!
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21 - "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him!"
- So - When You Are Saved:
 - "Not Only Has The Law Nothing Against You – But [In Christ] You Are Entitled To Its Reward!" (Pink)
- But There Is Still:
 - Some Struggle With Sin:
 - Isn't There?
 - And There Are Still Times When You Need God's Chastening Hand!
 - But Now - It's A Family Matter!
 - Hebrews 12:6-7 - "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. / If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"
- But Your Hope Is That:
 - One Day - You Will Be Completely:
 - And Entirely Saved From:
 - The Penalty Of Sin!
 - Because Jesus Has:
 - "Delivered Us From The Wrath To Come!"
 - This Is "The Hope Of Salvation!"
 - Every True Christian Has! Also:

* The Hope to Be:

3. ***Saved Entirely From The Power Of Sin!***

- Galatians 6:16-17 Reminds Us:
 - That There Is Still A Daily Struggle Between Our Old Nature & Our New Nature:
 - Between Our Flesh & The Spirit - "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. / For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would!"
 - And Every One Of Us:
 - Will Experience This Struggle Until:
 - We Are Given Rest In Heaven!
 - And So:
 - We Desperately Need To Be:
 - Saved From The Power Of Sin!
 - And Because Of Our Own Weakness:
 - We Cannot Save Ourselves!
- And So - God - Through His Spirit - Enables Us:
 - To Grow As Christians!
 - One Of The Reasons God Has Given Us:
 - The Church! Ephesians 4:11-13 - "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; / For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: / Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ!"
- And All This Happens:
 - Through "Sanctification!"
 - In Sanctification:
 - You Are Being Saved From The Power Of Your Sin – Every Day!
 - And There Is A Role:
 - That God Gives To You - As His Child:
 - In This - Ephesians 4:22-24 - "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; / And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; / And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness!"
- But Sometimes It Still Feels:
 - Like Sin Is Very Powerful In Our Hearts & Lives!
- But Your Hope Is That:
 - One Day - You Will Be Completely:

- And Entirely Saved From:
 - The Power Of Sin!
- Romans 6:11-14 - "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. / Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. / Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. / For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace!"
- And Last:

* The Hope To Be:

4. *Saved Entirely From The Presence Of Sin!*

- The First Three Elements Of Our Salvation:
 - Have Either A Past, Present, Or Future Dimension:
 - To Them – But This Element:
 - Is 100% In The Future!
 - We Desperately Need To Be:
 - Saved From The Presence Of Sin!
 - And We Cannot Save Ourselves!
- And So - God Continually Reminds Us:
 - Of This Future Hope!
 - Romans 13:11 - "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed!"
 - 1 Peter 1:5 - "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time!"
- And All This Will Happen:
 - Through "Glorification!"
 - In Glorification:
 - You Will Be Saved From The Very Presence Of Sin!

Conclusion:

1. Is It Any Wonder Why:
 - It Is Called A "Great Salvation!" (Hebrews 2:3)
 - It Is Salvation From Our Past!
 - It Is Salvation In The Present!
 - It Is Salvation For The Future!
 - It Is Salvation:
 - From The Pleasure Of Sin!
 - From The Penalty Of Sin!
 - From The Power Of Sin!
 - From The Presence Of Sin!
2. And It Is Such A "Great Salvation" Because:
 - It Comes From Our Great Savior!
 - And This Is Why - "The Hope Of Salvation" Is Described:
 - In 1 Thessalonians 5:8 - As "An Helmet!"
 - This Hope:
 - Will Protect Us!
 - Will Preserve Us!
 - Will Purify Us!
 - Until Our "Hope For Salvation" Is:
 - Finally & Fully Realized In Heaven!

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