

## Hebrews 3:6

### HOPE FOR A HOPELESS WORLD

The hope that we have is a powerful and formative thing. In a fundamental way, It IS the difference between the church and the world around us. The presence or absence of hope can be seen in every single person that has ever lived, every single action ever committed, every single word ever uttered... the writer of Hebrews reminds us that the forward looking aspect of hope, the promised culmination of its active power is itself part of our inheritance. This hope then, is something to be understood, something to be cherished, something to be carefully cultivated and something to be actively disseminated; for it is something subversive in its grasp, it is triumphant in its reach and it is glorious in its scope.

#### I. HOPE IS

- a. First and foremost hope is the person of Jesus Christ. –

Acts 2:22–33

i. Christ Jesus IS our hope –

1 Timothy 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

ii. That hope is the hope of glory –

Colossians 1:27

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

iii. Hope is the purview of the living ONLY –

Ecclesiastes 9:3–4

b. Hope is a gift for this life only –

Isaiah 38:17–19

Romans 8:18–25

c. Hope's object is the God of mercy –

Psalm 33:18-22

d. But Hope is rooted and anchored in the life to come –

1 Corinthians 15:12–19

e. Hope's consummation is kept safe for us in that life to come –

Colossians 1:3–6

f. Hope is steadfast –

2 Corinthians 1:7

And our hope for you *is* steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also *you will partake* of the consolation.

g. Our hope is living –

1 Peter 1:3-5

h. It is our refuge -

Hebrews 6:16–19

i. Hope is the crowning jewel of our trials –

Romans 5:1–5

j. The fruit of integrity –

Job 4:6

*Is not your reverence your confidence? And the integrity of your ways your hope?*

## II. HOPE COMES TO US

a. Hope is the gift of God to us –

Romans 15:13

*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit*

b. Its source is the scripture –

Psalm 119:49–50

c. It is birthed and nurtured in the faithful transmission of the Word –

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

d. It is transmitted by the faithful preaching of the Word –

Romans 10:14–17

e. The more we understand the Word, the more our hope grows –

Psalm 119:73–75

f. It grows richly in the soil of seeking after God –

## Psalm 42:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul? And *why* are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him *For* the help of His countenance.

- g. We seek Him and find our hope in the face of Christ –

## 1 Peter 1:13–16

- h. Hope is a contagion, collectively we share it amongst ourselves and with all we touch –

## 1 Corinthians 9:10

Or does He say *it* altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

### III. HOPE HOLDS BLESSINGS

a. Its presence brings strength to our hearts –

Psalm 31:23–24

b. It becomes a shield for us –

Psalm 38:11-15

c. It makes us calm of spirit –

Psalm 131:1–3

d. It is sure, sweet and satisfying –

Proverbs 24:13-14

e. It brings gladness –

Proverbs 10:27–29

f. It is the great source of joy –

Romans 12:9–13

g. It makes us bold –

2 Corinthians 3:12

Therefore, since we have such hope, we use  
great boldness of speech—

h. It makes us eager –

Galatians 5:5

For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the  
hope of righteousness by faith.

i. It allows us to be patient –

1 Thessalonians 1:3

remembering without ceasing your work of faith,  
labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord  
Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,

j. It is our helmet –

1 Thessalonians 5:8–10



k. It is designed to make us holy –

Titus 2:11–14

#### IV. THE ABSENCE OF REAL HOPE

a. Is heartbreaking –

Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But *when*  
the desire comes, *it is* a tree of life.

b. A curse –

Jeremiah 17:5–8

c. Brings unmitigated sorrow –

1 Thessalonians 4:13

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren,  
concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you  
sorrow as others who have no hope.

d. False hope temporarily may relieve, but will be our undoing –

Isaiah 57:7-10

e. It is futile –

Psalms 146:3–9

f. It destroys us –

Job 7:4–10

g. It is nothing to envy –

Proverbs 23:17–18

h. Apart from God our hope is dead, but He can restore us –

Ezekiel 37:11–14

## V. DELIVERING HOPE

- a. The gospel is the greatest source of hope we have –

Colossians 1:19–23

- b. The gospel is the Best hope –

Hebrews 7:18-19

- c. It brings the grace that saves –

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

- d. It emboldens us to seek Him, binds us to Him, anchors us to His love –

Hebrews 10:19-25

## VI. HOPE WITHIN

- a. Purifying power –

1John 3:2–3

b. Teaches us to actively rely upon what we know –

Hebrews 11:1-3

c. Teaches us to be steadfast, and forward looking –

Hebrews 6:11-12

d. Unifies us in our walk together –

Ephesians 4:1–6

e. Pleases God –

Psalms 147:10–11

f. For it evidences His hand in us –

Romans 4:16–18

g. Hope is ultimately and finally salvific -  
it demonstrates even as it participates in our  
salvation –

Ephesians 1:16–21