

HONORING GOD

With Hopeful Living

Hopeful Living Gives Us A Right Perspective

Philippians 4:8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, let me say one more thing as I close this letter. Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right.

Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

9 Keep putting into practice all you learned from me and heard from me and saw me doing, and the God of peace will be with you.

About Our Problems

About Other People

About Outside Pressures

1 Corinthians 15:12 But tell me this - since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead?

13 For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either.

14 And if Christ was not raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your trust in God is useless.

15 And we apostles would all be lying about God, for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave, but that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead.

16 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised.

17 And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless, and you are still under condemnation for your sins.

18 In that case, all who have died believing in Christ have perished!

19 And if we have hope in Christ only for this life, we are the most miserable people in the world.

Hopeful Living Doesn't Depend On Our Past

Proverbs 23:17 Don't envy sinners, but always continue to fear the LORD.

18 For surely you have a future ahead of you; your hope will not be disappointed.

19 My child, listen and be wise. Keep your heart on the right course.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Hopeful Living Gives Us Power

1 Corinthians 13:7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Romans 15:13 So I pray that God, who gives you hope, will keep you happy and full of peace as you believe in him. May you overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hopeful Living Is Based On What Is Permanent

God's Person

Matthew 12:17 This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah concerning him:

18 "Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, and I am very pleased with him. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

19 He will not fight or shout; he will not raise his voice in public.

20 He will not crush those who are weak, or quench the smallest hope, until he brings full justice with his final victory.

21 And his name will be the hope of all the world."

God's Presence

Psalms 94:19 When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.

God's Promises

Psalms 119:49 Remember your promise to me, for it is my only hope.

50 Your promise revives me; it comforts me in all my troubles.

Psalms 130:5 I am counting on the LORD; yes, I am counting on him. I have put my hope in his word.

Romans 15:4 Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. They give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises.

Hebrews 10:23 Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

Hebrews 11:1 What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.

1 Peter 1:21

Through Christ you have come to trust in God.
And because God raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory,
your faith and hope can be placed confidently in God.