

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks
(FV) Mike Lovell
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Judd Wall
1st prayer Keith Stifflemire
2nd prayer Mike Mallett
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Kevin Grant

July 31th

Noon Fellowship

August 7th

Mission Sunday

August 19th

First day of School-Evant

August 28th

Noon Fellowship

September 4th

Mission Sunday

September 5th

Labor Day

Happy Anniversary

July 25th

Valerie & Jorge Garza

Happy Birthday

Mike Lovell July 16th

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

Jack Wall August 20th

Cindy Wall August 26th

Prayer List:

Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)
Mona Lancaster
Cheryl Burks
Mike Mallett
Mark Kirby
Virginia Lovell
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Quotes & Sayings

- The road to success is always under construction,
- Few people travel the road to success without a puncture or two.
- Life is not so much a matter of position as of disposition.
- The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.
- A pint of example is worth a gallon of advice.
- The best vitamin for making friends: B1
- Nobody raises his own reputation by lowering others.

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Christian Hope

Over the last few days I have been re-discovering what the Bible says about the Christian hope. The word elpis can be translated “hope” or “expectation”.

I Peter 1:3 says that we have been born again to a “living” hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Ours is a living hope! We don’t hope the way the world does. Romans 15:13 says that we have a super abundance of hope!!

Hope, properly understood, is not just wishful thinking. Hope is the confident expectation of God’s promise.

- Titus 2:13 - “we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ”.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16 says that God has given us “eternal comfort and good hope by grace”. We don’t have to go through life worried about being the God. We have been given eternal comfort and “good” hope. Thessalonians 5:8 refers to our hope as a helmet in the Armor of God.
- Hebrews 6:19 says that our hope is an “anchor of the soul”, “sure and steadfast” which “enters the veil”. Hope is often paired with faith in the New Testament. Notice the following:
 - Hebrews 11:1 says “faith is the substance of things hoped for”. Hope gives substance to our faith! If hope is wishy-washy, then our faith will be. If faith is wishy-washy, then our hope will be. They are related intimately.
 - Galatians 5:5 says “For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness”.
 - I Peter 1:21 says that through Jesus we “are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God”
Faith and hope are nearly synonymous at times. Our hope should not be wishy-washy and neither should our faith.

Hope, properly understood, is a sister of joy in the Christian life.

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Christian Hope

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- Romans 12:12 says we are to be “rejoicing in hope”. How in the world can you have any kind of joy if you don’t know if you are saved or not?
- Romans 5:5 says “hope does not disappoint”. If you truly understand this, then you truly can rejoice. Hope is not “doubting”. James 1 describes the man who doubts as unstable, double-minded, tossed about by waves. Christian impotence stems from a lack of faith and hope.

Understanding Christian hope does not breed indifference. The grace that has given us “good hope” also instructs us to “deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age...” according to Titus 2:11.

This is why we are given the exhortation to “realize the full assurance of hope until the end” (Hebrews 6:11).

I John 5:13 says “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life” There are two extremes: once saved always saved, which we reject as unbiblical. Just as unbiblical is the other extreme: once saved barely/maybe saved. Lay hold of your confident hope today!

By John Telgren

Tried an Proved

A minister once visited an elderly woman who showed him her well-used Bible. By many of the promises in that Bible she had written two letters, "T" and "P". When asked their meaning, she said they stood for "Tried" and "Proved".

If you will try the promises of God, you too will find they will prove to be true. For example, if you seek His kingdom and righteousness first, you will find you will not lack the material necessities of life (Mt. 6:33). You will also find that He will never fail you nor forsake you (Heb. 13:5). Further, you will find that you will not face a temptation or trial that you are not able to bear (1 Cor. 10:13).

Finally, you will find that you can do all things through Him that strengthens you (Phil. 4:13).

By George Pledger