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WELCOME

Glad to have you celebrate Easter with us

"Transforming lives through Jesus Christ and raising a people after God's heart"

UNQUENCHABLE HOPE

Made alive in Jesus Christ



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Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, ([Luke 24:1-6](#))



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HOPE

In the context of this sermon hope is defined as:

Someone (or something) on which a person's expectations are centred.

People have hope in various things, permanent or transient. Hope is the basis of life. A person who has lost all hope can easily die because hope plays a strong role in human existence.



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- If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence; [25] If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much; [28] This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above

(Job 31:24-25, 28)

Job declared in the verses above that his hope was in nothing else but God. God is the only entity we can hinge our hope on without worry



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3 Theological Virtues of Christianity

- Faith
- Hope
- Love

And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three;
but the greatest of these is love

(1 Corinthians 13:13)

There are 4 human cardinal virtues:

Prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance



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Virtue

- Relates to how a person conducts his affairs in relation to moral standards. A person is said to be virtuous when his way of life shows high standards of character.

Virtuous living is enhanced when we walk with God.

- A person who has placed his hope on God can have his life turned around due to the Holy Spirit working within the person, this thus make a transformation possible in the character of the person.

- "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." - Martin Luther King
- Loss of hope is a common issue raised by persons who are suicidal. They believe they have got to the point where all faith has been lost and they feel totally depleted without a sense to carry on.

On the contrary, Jesus Christ sustains those who have hope in Him no matter how depleted they are. His resurrection guarantees that we have a Saviour that is alive and powerful. No other beliefs can not say this about whom they have their hope in. We can boldly declare that our Saviour rose 3 days after He was buried



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Unique nature of our hope in Christ

- Hebrews 6:16-19
- Hebrews 7:19,22, 24.25
- Our hope is based on a special covenant that is permanent
(Heb. 9:11-15)
- It is not based on what has been done with human hands
(Romans 8:24-25)



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- Our hope must continually be in Christ. He must be our place of focus and confidence at all times. A man who will be victorious will wait upon and trust in God regardless of circumstances because He has given Jesus Christ as our Hope.
- Christ is eternally reliable. He died and was raised to life and He is seated beside the Father in Heaven, interceding for those who hope in Him
- 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
(Romans 8:24-25)



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Hope must be shared

- Our Hope in Christ has to be shared and translated to others, especially the younger generation. We must not be quiet about what changed our lives knowing it can also change others.
- That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments

(Psalm 78:6-7)



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We are to defend the hope we have

And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers: 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

(Acts 26:6-7)

- Paul was not ashamed to publicly declare the hope he had in Jesus Christ. He was eager to let all know about it. Even in the face of death, his hope in Christ was visible for all to see.



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