

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT – Part 3: Hope

INTRODUCTION

- Life in the Spirit means that you have an e_____ hope.
- What happens when you have no hope? _____

SUFFERING'S HOPE

- Suffering is part of the _____ existence. Why? _____
- What kept Paul going through suffering? An e_____ perspective.
- Paul is f_____ confident that if you took all of the present suffering it wouldn't even come close to outweighing the _____ to come. (Romans 8:18)
- What kind of hope are we born to? (Read 1 Peter 1:3-7) _____

CREATION'S HOPE

- Creation is under the c_____ of sin; in bondage to the corruption of sin. (Genesis 3:17-19)
- What is the analogy that Paul uses for the pain of creation? _____
- After the pain of child birth, there is the j_____ of a n_____ life!

REDEMPTION'S HOPE

- What did the Christian see who were awaiting death in the Coliseum? _____
- What did Stephen see before he was stoned? (Acts 7:54-57) _____
- Redemption means that you were b_____ with a pr_____.
- Our adoption papers are not signed with ink that fades over time. They are signed with the bl_____ of the L_____.

THE SPIRIT'S ASSURANCE OF HOPE

- Our hope is kept alive *not* on our own strength, but the strength of the S_____. It is the Holy Spirit who int_____ for us in a way that transcends what we could ever do.
- When is our faith the strongest? (Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10) _____
- It is the Holy Spirit who utters the word of a_____ hope. Hope that is made sure not by what you have done, but by what _____ has done.
- God the Father chose you for ado_____. The Holy Spirit has brought you to f_____ in Jesus. Jesus has made the adoption secure through his _____.

HEAR & APPLY THE WORD

- Is your faith one that has enduring hope?
- What is the basis of your hope?



How to Prepare for The Lord's Supper

In order that you may receive this Holy Sacrament in a worthy manner you should carefully consider what you must now believe and do.

From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; This is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins;" you should believe that Jesus Christ is present with His body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words, "For the remission of sins," you should also believe that Jesus gives to you His body and blood to strengthen your assurance that your sins are forgiven. And, finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says: "Take, eat; Drink of it, all of you; This do in remembrance of me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He has commanded, then you have properly examined yourselves and may eat Christ's body and drink His blood in a worthy manner. You should, also, unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus, with the whole Christian Church, have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father give you His

Sermon Notes

Scripture Readings

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Pew Bible page numbers

Isaiah 40:28-31

p. 713

Romans 8:18-30

p. 1122

John 16:19-22

p. 1072

The Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a remembrance. We believe that in the Lord's Supper Christ Jesus is truly present in body and blood, given in bread and wine for us to eat and drink. We also believe it is a means by which we receive true forgiveness of sin.

The Lord's supper is for those who are baptized and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.

 Learn more on how to prepare for
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