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Unpacking Hope: Part I

Wednesdays in The Word

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“What gives me the most *hope* every day is God’s grace; knowing that His grace is going to give me the strength for whatever I face, knowing that nothing is a surprise to God.” – Pastor Rick Warren

“*Hope* is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness.” – Archbishop Desmond Tutu

“What societies really, ideally, want is a citizenry which will simply obey the rules of society. If a society succeeds in this, that society is about to perish. The obligation of anyone who thinks of himself as responsible is to examine society and try to change it and to fight it – at no matter what risk. This is the only *hope* society has. This is the only way societies change.” – James Baldwin

“America can change. That is true genius of this nation. What we have already achieved gives us *hope* -- the audacity to *hope* -- for what we can and must achieve tomorrow.” - President Barack Obama

Hope vs. Optimism

- Optimism says, “Things will get better.”
- Hope says, “I don’t know if things will get better, but I will continue to hold on regardless.”

I. The Definition of Hope

- Hope is a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.
- The Greek word for Hope is: *Elpis*
 - *Elpis* means: expectation, confidence, trust
 - The Triumphant Trinity:
 - *Faith*- revealed by what we believe.
 - *Hope*- revealed in our conviction that things will get better.
 - *Love* – revealed by our behavior.

1 Corinthians 13:7-13

II. The Formation of Hope

- Hope is a process
- Hurt can birth hope

Romans 5:1-5

Romans 8:23-25

III. The Foundation of Hope

1 Timothy 6:17



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IV. The Consolation of Hope

I Thessalonians 4:13

- Existential
- Eschatological
- Emotional

V. The Explanation of Hope

I Peter 3:13-17

- Be ready to honor the Holy
- Give your reason for your hope
- Be humble so that you can be helpful

VI. The Evolution of Hope

Lamentations 3:18-24

- Recall things to your mind
- Received many mercies
- Restarts compassions every morning
- Realize the faithfulness of the Master

Songs of Meditation

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

There's Hope by India.Arie