

HOPE: THE FUEL FOR LOVE AND FAITH

Colossians 1.3-14

HOPE THAT DOESN'T DISAPPOINT

Colossians 1.3-5 // 1 Thessalonians 5.8 // Romans 5.5

Hope is only as sure as what you are hoping in. If you "hope" your favorite team wins the championship, you're success is subject to odds, talent, and strategy. But our hope is in something sure and definite when we place our hope in the Gospel of our salvation, our heavenly hope.

Psalm 20.6, 33.17, 18, 71.5, 78.7, 119.81, 114

If you are longing for heaven on earth *in this life* you will be left empty, sorely disappointed and deeply dissatisfied.

THE GOSPEL IS ALIVE

Colossians 1.5-8 // Psalm 19.7 // Hebrews 4.12, 13 // 1 Peter 1.23-25
1 John 2.14 // 1 Corinthians 1.18, 3.5-9 // 1 Thessalonians 2.13

The Gospel is no mere "thing" or "tool." It is a sword, but it is "sharper" than any sword, and it is a living and sovereign sword, at work in our hearts, bearing fruit and growing, even if we can't see it now. We live by faith and not by sight that God's Word is active in us, completing the work that He started.

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR LIFE CHANGE

Colossians 1.9-14 // 2 Timothy 3.16, 17 // Romans 16.25
Ephesians 1.17 // Psalm 119.9, 11 // 2 Peter 1.3, 4

The Goal of Theology is Worship

-Philip Ryken

Be strengthened: this is done *by God* and *to us* by His glorious might so that we can endure with patience and joy.

Has qualified: God has done this in the past; it is finished.

Has delivered: This is also a finished action done by God for us.

Has transferred: We have been transferred, and we cannot be transferred back to the domain of darkness.

Right Theology = Right Relationship = Right Living



NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEWCOMERS' MEET AND GREET

If you are new to **Life Mission Church** and would like to know more about who we are and what we're about, please join us for a time after church on **Sunday, September 8th** right after church. We'll have a time for Pastor Jobey to give a brief history of how we got here, what we believe, what our mission is, and we'll have a time for open Q&A.

KIDS ON MISSION

Please log on to check out www.lifemissionchurch.com and click "Kids" at the top to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walk through of our curriculum.

Also, the daily devotional book, **Long Story Short**, is available in the Atrium to purchase.



WANT TO GET CONNECTED?

- **JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP!**

If you want to get connected to a group of people near your neighborhood, let us know by filling out the **Connection Card** or visiting the **Connection Booth** in the Atrium!

- **JOIN A MINISTRY TEAM!**

We would love to have you come serve our community with us. Let us know on our **Connection Card** that you want to help!

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

What are some things you have hoped for, or hope for now, and how did it turn out or do you think it will turn out? _____

How do some of these hopes we have differ from having a hope placed on the Gospel, and how should that affect how we live? _____

When we have a high confidence in what we are hoping for, we have excitement and anticipation. When there is less confidence, there is a more sullen cynicism. Read **Romans 5.5, Psalm 20.7, 8, 33.17, 18**. What do these verses say about the hope we can place on God? _____

Read **Colossians 3.3-6**. What does Paul say happens to us when this hope of the Gospel is heard and understood by us? _____

Often, we don't see fruit that is growing. But we live "by faith, not by sight." Read **Psalm 19.7, Hebrews 4.12, 13, 1 Peter 1.23-25, 1 Thessalonians 2.13**. How would you describe how the Gospel goes to work in us? _____

Knowledge alone does not make you godly. This is exactly what Paul was potentially combating against the false teaching of the Gnostics. What is the Holy Spirit's purpose as He aims to "guide you into all truth" (**John 16.13**)? Read **Colossians 1.9, 10, Ephesians 1.16-18, John 5.37-40, 2 Peter 1.3, 4, 1 Timothy 1.5** for insight. _____

Colossians 1.9 specifically tells us that we should continually "be filled with the knowledge of His will." Why is it important for us to continually be filled with knowledge and promises of God? Don't we know enough to keep us going through the week and through our days? _____

It's very difficult to trust in, believe in, hope in, and grow in love for something or someone that you either don't understand or don't learn more about or spend time getting to know. Christ is unlimited in His depth and glory, and the more we know about Him, the more we love Him and want to be conformed to be like Him. Philip Ryken said that "the goal of theology is worship." Theology simply means "the study of God." To close, share with the group a particular theological truth about Christ that recently has caused you to trust and worship Him more deeply.

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