

Advent Week 1, The Future Hope

Romans 5:1-5

Rich O'Toole

12/05/21

I. **Biblical hope. Romans 5:1-5**

The word for "**hope**" is the Greek word *elpis*, which means a joyful and confident _____ of eternal salvation.

1. We are promised _____ with God. **Isaiah 48:22**

2. We are promised _____ to God. **Romans 5:2a**

"But when Jesus died, He _____ the veil and broke down the wall."

(Wiersbe)

3. We are promised a _____ hope! **Romans 5:2b**

But the "**Hope of Glory**" tells us in the future we will _____ His glory.

4. We are promised Christian _____. **Romans 5:3-4**

The name Gethsemane means _____; this was a very remote, walled garden. **Luke 22:44**

- **Glory** means to _____, glory, joy, or rejoice in something.

Perseverance: In the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the _____ trials and sufferings. (Strong's G5281)

- **Character** is the word _____ in the KJV and it means to prove by trial; to be approved, and have a tried character.

5. We are promised the _____ of God. **John 3:16-17, John 3:1-6**

"It isn't simply a moral or religious reform, but the bringing of new life. To belong to the heavenly kingdom, one must be _____ into it." (Tenney)

II. **Practical Application.**

People need a **Living Hope**; and the _____ of our **hope** is the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ. **Titus 2:13**

- "A somewhat old fashioned adjective, **begotten** is the past participle of the verb beget, which means to _____ or produce as offspring." (vocabulary.com)

"Our inheritance can never be touched by death, cannot be _____, and cannot be defiled; because the Lord is keeping it safe in heaven for us"

1 Peter 1:4-5

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Romans 5:1-5**. What are things that you hope for? Is there a difference between hoping and wanting? If so, what is the difference?
Job 7:6-7, Isaiah 48:22, Romans 5:10, Hebrews 4:16, Ephesians 2:11-12, John 17:22
2. Read **Hebrews 11:1-6**. If faith is "**the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen**", does our definition of hope change? Why do other hopes disappoint? Why does our hope not disappoint?
3. Read **Romans 5:3-4** and **Luke 22:39-44**. Discuss the Olive press and how it relates to Jesus. How does a Christian glory in tribulation?
John 15:5, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14
4. Read **1 Peter 1:1-5**. How did Peter describe our spiritual birth? Where does our spiritual birth begin and how are we saved?
John 3:1-6, Romans 3:10-11, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:16-17
5. Read **1 Peter 1:3**. What is a Christian's Living Hope?
John 1:11-13, Titus 2:13, Romans 8:38-39, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14
6. Discuss the practical application of this sermon.
1 Peter 1:3-4, Titus 2:13, John 1:11-13, Romans 8:38-39