

# The Boldness that HOPE in Christ releases

*1 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace<sup>[a]</sup> with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. 2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.*

*3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. 5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.*

*Romans 5 : 1-5 (NLT)*

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- You see that FAITH accepts the gift of promise; HOPE **confidently** expects the fulfillment of promise.
- The Word of God says much about HOPE, but never does it use the term to mean uncertainty or doubt.
- Three classes of people in respect to their relations to HOPE
  - Those with NO hope
  - Those with FALSE hope
  - Those with TRUE hope

## Those with “NO HOPE”

- *(Ephesians. 2:11-12) <sup>11</sup> Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called “uncircumcised heathens” by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. <sup>12</sup> In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without **hope**. <sup>13</sup> But NOW you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to Him through the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For Christ Himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in His own body on the cross, He broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.*

# Those with “NO HOPE”

- HOPE is essential to the human soul
- A life without HOPE becomes an unendurable misery
- God condescended to need of mankind and gave HOPE where it was lost.
- We live in a world where are still so many without hope and are distraught even leading to suicide.
- What a terrible thing for young and old alike to be without HOPE!

# Those with “FALSE HOPE”

- Worse of than the ones without hope
- A man who finds himself hopeless may be inclined to accept TRUE Hope, but one who has a FALSE Hope must admit his hope was vain before he will accept another.
- Jesus spoke of these in Matthew 7: 21-27
- False Hope seems to be self-sufficient – UNTIL times of testing come!

# Those with “TRUE HOPE”

- What IS TRUE HOPE? There is only ONE in regard to salvation.
- Titus 2: 13 to 3:7
- Hebrews 6: 18-19
- “TRUE” Hope can only be found in Jesus Christ.
- I Peter 3:15 says... *“Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you for a reason for the HOPE that is within you, with meekness and fear.”* NLT says *“If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. <sup>16</sup> But do this in a gentle and respectful way. (NIV) Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect*

# Those with “TRUE HOPE”

- II Corinthians 4 “We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure.<sup>[b]</sup> This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

*We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.”*

- Many believers are living like paupers

# Sitting on a “treasure” unused



- *1 Peter 1:3-9* <sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
- As His children you and I are rich!

# Living in the BOLDNESS of the TRUE HOPE I have within me

- We are in a battle where the MIND is the battleground.
- Romans 12: 1-2 *“And so, dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup> Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. “ (NLT)*
- Get rid of your “Stinking Thinking”

# Living in the **BOLDNESS** of the **TRUE HOPE** I have within me

- Reframe your “SELF TALK”
- There is **POWER** in what we say and think
- We need to embrace what God says about me
- Must know and confess the **WORD**.
- What God says gives us boldness
- Agree with **HIM** about **YOURSELF**  
(not what you necessarily feel)