

# UNASHAMED HOPE

## RENEWING OUR EXPECTATION

*“And hope maketh not ashamed;  
because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts  
by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”*

~ Romans 5:5

### 1. The Need for Hope

- a. Politics, crime, unbelief, ISIS, persecution, finances, rejection, despair, cultural decline
- b. The Bible says the world is evil, why fight it at all? – Gal 1:4, 2 Tim 3:13, 2 Cor 4:4
- c. It can be natural for us to live without hope (nothing will change) - Eph 2:12
- d. Can unbelievers be saved? Is victory possible? Are we destined to fail? What’s the point?
- e. Are Christians pessimistic? Toward the world? Yes. Toward the power of God? No.
- f. We are saved by hope (Rom 8:24), and we have victory (1Co 15:57), where is it?

### 2. Hope in What

- a. Webster’s definition is a desire for good with “at least a slight expectation of obtaining it”
- b. Despair: when your heart is sick or cold toward the power of God to work – Prov 13:12
- c. Hope is an expectation of good Pro 10:28; an assurance Heb 6:11; from faith - Heb 11:1
- d. Hopelessness is a sign of misappropriated ineffectual faith. Our hope needs renewed.
- e. “Hope is faith in the future tense”, what is your future? Rom 8:24, 1 Cor 15:19

### 3. Hope Without Shame

- a. People want to see results. Without seeing results, their hope disappears.
- b. Our hope is not in politics, the world, physical health, men, ourselves
- c. A reason for the hope ... is not about apologetics - 1 Peter 3:14-15
- d. Hope comes from believing God’s word - 1Th 2:13, Phm 6, Ps 119:74, 81, 114,116,147
- e. Our hope is in eternal life Ti 1:1, the appearing of Christ Ti 2:13, the Lord – 1 Ti 1:1
- f. “*I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ*” - Rom 1:16
- g. Be not ashamed, because you know who and what – 2 Tim 1:8-12
- h. God’s purpose is sure, the gospel works, you have a hope of glory! – Col 1:23, 1:27
- i. The love of God in you (the gospel) guarantees your hope - Rom 5:2-10

### 4. Strength of Hope

- a. What good is it now? Without hope our faith is a meaningless historical artifact
- b. It provides courage, inner peace, contentment, excitement, zeal, a reason to continue
- c. When we work we work with hope – 1 Cor 9:10, 1 Tim 2:4
- d. We set our affections and sights on what will be in Christ – 1 Thess 2:19
- e. The future for the Christian is good... but it is an eternal future – 2 Cor 4:4-18
- f. Paul endured all opposition because of the hope in him, the same hope we have
- g. Our earnest expectation and hope is in the glory that shall be revealed - Phil 1:20-21
- h. Our hope is not in this world, but in the next. We represent the next to the world now.

Webster - **HOPE**, n. [L. cupio.]

1. A desire of some good, accompanied with at least a slight expectation of obtaining it, or a belief that it is obtainable. Hope differs from wish and desire in this, that it implies some expectation of obtaining the good desired, or the possibility of possessing it. Hope therefore always gives pleasure or joy; whereas wish and desire may produce or be accompanied with pain and anxiety.