

The Importance of Hope 盼望 (希望)的重要性

Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”希伯来书 11:1 信就是所望之事的实底、是未见之事的的确据。

I Peter 3:15 “always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”彼得前书前 3:15 只要心里尊主基督为圣。有人问你们心中盼望的缘由、就要常作准备、以温柔敬畏的心回答各人。

Two Things we see here: 从经文中我们看到两点

· One is that Christians ought to be known as hopeful people. 第一点是基督徒应该是充满希望的人

It should show in 它应该表现在:

Joy 喜乐 (Romans 12:12) 罗马书 12:12 在指望中要喜乐。在患难中要忍耐。祷告要恒切。

Love 爱 (Colossians 1:4-5) 歌罗西书 1:4 因听见你们在基督耶稣里的信心、并向众圣徒的爱心。5 是为那给你们存在天上的盼望。这盼望就是你们从前在福音真理的道上所听见的。

Boldness 大胆的 (2 Corinthians 3:12) 哥林多后书 3:12 我们既有这样的盼望、就大胆讲说、

Endurance 忍耐 (2 Thessalonians 1:3.4). 帖撒罗尼迦后书 1:3 弟兄们、我们该为你们常常感谢 神、这本是合宜的。因你们的信心格外增长、并且你们众人彼此相爱的心也都充足。4 甚至我们在 神的各教会里为你们夸口、都因你们在所受的一切逼迫患难中、仍旧存忍耐和信心。

· The other thing that Peter implies is that there are reasons for Christian hope. It is a reasonable hope. 第二点彼得指的是基督徒有盼望的缘由

What Hope Must Be Based On 盼望要建立在什么之上

A. God Himself 上帝自己

Romans 15:13 “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” 罗马书 15:13 但愿使人有盼望的神、因信、将诸般的喜乐平安、充满你们的心、使你们借着圣灵的能力、大有盼望。

B. God's Word 上帝的话语

Romans 15:4 “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” 罗马书 15:4 从前所写的圣经、都是为教训我们写的、叫我们因圣经所生的忍耐和安慰、可以得着盼望。

As a Christian, we have: 作为一个基督徒，我们有：

- 1) A hope of eternal life 永恒的盼望
- 2) A hope of salvation 救恩的盼望
- 3) The hope of heaven 天堂的盼望
- 4) The hope of the resurrection of the dead 复活的盼望
- 5) The hope of the gospel-福音的盼望

Why Do We Hope? 我们为什么要有盼望？

Because God, who cannot lie, promised it 因为上帝的应许，他是信实的

Titus 1:2 “in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,” 提多书多 1:2 盼望那无谎言的 神、在万古之先所应许的永生、

I Thessalonians 4:13 “But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.” 帖前 4:13 论到睡了的人、我们不愿意弟兄们不知道、恐怕你们忧伤、像那些没有指望的人一样。

Who Has This Hope? Those who are in Christ 谁才会有这样的盼望?唯有那些在耶稣基督里的才会有这样的盼望

I Thessalonians 4:14 “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.” 帖撒罗尼迦书 4:14 我们若信耶稣死而复活了、那已经在耶稣里睡了的人、 神也必将他与耶稣一同带来。

Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” 加拉太书 2:20 我已经与基督同钉十字架。现在活着的、不再是我、乃是基督在我里面活着。并且我如今在肉身活着、是因信 神的儿子而活、他是爱我、为我舍己。

How Do We Know We Have Hope? 我们如何知道我们有盼望?

Ephesians 1:13 “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.” 以弗所书 1:13 你们既听见真理的道、就是那叫你们得救的福音、也信了基督、既然信他、就受了所应许的圣灵为印记。弗 1:14 这圣灵、是我们得基业的凭据、〔原文作质〕直等到神之民〔民原文作产业〕被赎、使他的荣耀得着称赞。

What Must We Who Have this Hope Do? · 有了盼望之后要做什么?

Purify Ourselves 要洁净我们自己

I John 3:3 “And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is 约翰一书 3:3 凡向他有这指望的、就洁净自己、像他洁净一样。

Be Joyful 要喜乐

Romans 12:12 “rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly;” 罗马书 12:12 在指望中要喜乐。在患难中要忍耐。祷告要恒切。

Wait 等待

Galatians 5:5 “For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.” 加拉太书 5:5 我们靠着圣灵、凭着信心、等候所盼望的义