

A LIFE OF HOPE BY ROBERT NOTGRASS

Hope is believing that a particular desire or expectation will be given based on the information that has been presented to you. For a Christian, this hope is Heaven. Heaven is a place where one will spend eternity praising the Lord and giving thanks to Him for coming into the world for us. But on earth, it is difficult sometimes to remember hope.

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Heb 11:1). In this small verse, God has told us to have faith in what we may not see or hear. “But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Heb 11:6). Therefore, we do not have to see the Lord to believe that He exist.



God has given us all things

DID YOU KNOW?

The early church grew when:

Christians made personal sacrifices

Acts 2:44-46

Acts 4:32-37

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Doris Pendleton, Verna Butler, Lynna Shanks, Elnora Shanks, Ethel Runge, Glenis McDonald and Tex Kinman, Andy Shanks family.

Also remember: Richard Massey, Verma Long, Nelta Brock, Connie Gass, Grayson Castillo, Ruby Backus, Marvin Howard, Habermehl family, Cheryl Harris Evonelle Calkins, Dawn Tivoli, Brian Williams, Emma Stantliff, Pamela Robinson, The Martin Family.

Remember also: The lost, our leaders & those in our military.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There are a couple of updates for LaQuin Barnett & Rhonda Vancil. They are posted on the Notes Board.
- Please see the Note board for upcoming events and other information
- Last Monday there was 17
- who attended the evangelism Class. It continues on Monday at 7pm. See you there!
- Item this week for Fairhaven Children home is: Deodorant & Cereal.
- All are invited to the Open
- House at the home of the Notgrass's. This will be February 7th after evening worship services.
- Please check the schedule in the back for those who are serving today.

Times of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm

Sermons are recorded for those who would like a copy.



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that we need in order to see Him without seeing Him. The complexities of this world still cannot be explained by man. The theories that man has invented attempt to justify without God, but they fail. Nothing can be explained without God's divine wisdom. So with this in mind, we must have hope in Him.

Hope keeps a Christian doing right. It allows him to not give up on himself or other Christians. Even when the world seems to tear your soul down, it is hope that allows us to continue and to keep our paths straight. God would never lie to us and He has made His promise that "Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16b).

In order to have hope in what the Lord promised, we need to obey Him. If we have obeyed Him, then "The Lord is not slacked concerning His promise" (2 Pet 3:9a). We need to have faith that one day we will be with God if we have lived right and that without Him, there is no hope. Hope should be a comforting word for a Christian so that our souls can one day be at rest with Him in Heaven.

The Church in your Life

What place does the church have in your life? A big place, a little place, or no place? Let me give you some reasons why you ought to let the church have a big place in your life.

1. We have the example of Jesus. He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and as his custom was, worshipped the God of the ages (Lk. 4:16). If Jesus regularly needed worship, how much more do we?
2. When we worship we are reminded of our link with the Divine. Man's fighting, fussing, feuding, striving, lusting, killing—all these show man to be one of envy and strife. But man is also a spirit. He longs for God, he worships God, he is dissatisfied with himself. In worship he is brought into fellowship with God and gains power to live a constructive life.
3. Through worship we pay homage to the one who redeemed us. God is our Creator. Jesus Christ is our Redeemer. We belong to God for both reasons. So we come to church to thank God for all that he had done for us. In his holy presence, we have no time for mischief, for cutting up, for disturbance; we have time only for reverence and thanksgiving.
4. In worship we have see Christians who teach us to join together and praise God. This is why we sing, "Blest be the tie that binds."
5. We come to worship for rest. Just at we need physical food and eat three meals a day, so we need spiritual food and this we find in our worship of God. Here we are filled with God's Word and the power that comes from His Word.