

HOPE MAKES YOU SEE

INTRO

Our God is a need meeting God. Often we do not receive because of a lack of understanding of hope. 1 Cor. 13:13 says that hope is one of the three great abiding forces of life.

I. What is Hope Heb. 11:1

- A. Things hoped for... things not seen
 - 1. The things we hope for are the things not seen
 - 2. The things we hope for are actually seen by hope
 - 3. Hope deals with what we cannot physically see

II. Difference Between Natural Hope and Bible Hope Rms. 4:18

- A. Who against hope (natural hope) believed in hope (spiritual hope or hope from what God said)
 - 1. Natural hope is based on natural knowledge
 - 2. When natural hope is gone, it's natural to say there is no hope
 - 3. Bible hope has nothing to do with natural knowledge
- B. Bible hope works when all natural hope is gone Ac. 27: 20-25
 - 1. His hope was anchored in Bible hope or he believed it would be like he was told spiritually v 25
 - 2. We need to secure our life in Bible hope

III. Hope Creates an Inner Picture You See Rms. 8: 24,25

- A. Hope is God's picture making power in you. Hope will create a picture.
- B. Understanding natural sight helps you understand how hope makes us see
 - 1. In order for us to see, light rays from the outside (or the entrance of light) comes through the retina of your eye which stimulates a chemical reaction in different parts of the eye. They send these reactions along an optic nerve that connects to the part of our brain that deals with sight.
 - 2. These areas of the brain see and interpret the light. We see with our brain or mind from the entrance of light from the outside.
 - 3. Bible hope works the same way except it's light that comes from the inside
 - the entrance of His Word causes light inside us
 - hope is the light
 - hope gives us sight
 - it's a picture vision or revelation of something we see from light of the Word in our spirit to our mind
 - 4. Eph. 1:16-18 Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation ... the eyes of your understanding (nous - mind) being enlightened... that you may know what is the hope...

IV. Hope Connects You To The God Of The Universe In The Holiest Place Of All

Heb. 6: 13-20

- A. Hope must be laid hold of - it's not automatic
 - 1. We can have hope because we have His promises
 - 2. We have His promises because we have a covenant
 - 3. We have a covenant because we have Jesus
 - 4. With my God given hope I can enter into that which is behind the veil
- B. Hope will connect us with God - who is within the veil, in the Holiest place of all
 - 1. The hope set before us in a promise was purchased by a blood covenant. Jesus' blood that makes hope available dropped behind the veil and covered every need.
 - 2. There's no situation, problem, or circumstance men can face that's not covered behind that veil. The power of the universe abides back there, God Himself, and Jesus

already entered in there with His blood. We have a covenant in blood with the God of the universe.

3. The blood of the covenant entered behind the veil. The hope that comes from a covenant promise connects us to God Himself.

V. God Has Always Worked With Pictures (Hope) To Help Man Rms. 4:16-23

- A. Gen. 13:14-17 When He appeared to Abraham
 1. You can receive as much as you can see
- B. Gen. 15:5 - tell the stars
- C. Gen. 22:17,18