

## ROMANS 8:24-25 HOPE

### REVIEW:

- Adoption and the redemption of the body, glory.

### READ ROM. 8:23-25

### INTRO:

- For: after all, since, because, Vs. 18,19,20,21,22,24
- For we were saved in this hope.
- The A.V. is not the best translation here, for it should be we were saved in hope, not by hope.
- The GK would read, in hope we were saved. Or in the sphere of hope,
- God placed us, birthed us in the sphere of hope, And birthed hope in us.
- We all know we were saved by faith fathered by grace.
- Notice Paul says we were saved, past tense.
- Though saved past tense yet hope looks to the future.
- Now what is hope, what does it mean?

### HOPE:

- Hopes' basic definition is; the joyous anticipation of good. A favorable and confident expectation.
- Let's take a look at how Paul uses it so frequently in his defense as seen in the book of Acts.
- Here Paul always connects it to resurrection. (23:6, 24:14, 15, 28:20 and 26:6-8)
- Now back to Romans, hope is used in the scriptures two ways:
  - 1) As a spiritual grace. A verb. As in 1 Cor. 13:13
  - 2) As objective, a noun, something tangible. And has reference to that which is hoped for. Col. 1:5, because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven
- Both noun and verb are used in these 2 verses.
- We find the word hope 5X in these two verses, 4X in 24 and once in 25.
- 3X as the noun, that which is the object hoped for.
- The other use in 24 is the last use and it is there a verb, the grace.
- In vs. 25 in is the verb form also.
- Now vs 24 begins with the word "for" what does this look back to?
  - First it reaches back "The glory which shall be revealed in us." 18
  - Then the manifestation of the sons of God. Vs. 19
  - Then their coming liberty of glory. Vs. 21
  - And then, most closely, the culmination, the adoption, the redemption of the body. Vs.23
- This is the hope that Paul speaks of in Eph. 1:18

- **It would seem** that this hope is the source, the motivation the impulse of the groanings and eager waiting mentioned in vs. 23
- Eagerly waiting and groaning is an expression a cry from hope.
- Now biblical hope is not wishing, it is much more and deeper than that.
- It is more than just a longing or desire for a certain thing.
- It includes these things, but it is much more than that.
  - In the epistle of Peter, he testifies it is a Living Hope. **1:3,4.**
- Peter says it is a living hope. It is alive in us, sometimes we wonder how, but it lives and will not die, it holds on by the wonderful grace of God.
  - In 1 Thess. 5:8 Paul calls hope the helmet of salvation.
- It is to protect our minds from the fiery darts of our enemy who accuses us, and makes us doubt not only our salvation and our blessed future, but the goodness of God, the love of God, the promises of God. (Eph. 6:17)
  - In **Heb. 6:18-20** the writer calls it the anchor of our soul.
- Hope is so strong it is to be an anchor for our soul, this hope being sure, and steadfast, unslipping always holding on to that which it hopes in, even within the veil where Jesus is ever ministering for us.
- According to Peter it is to be so evident in our lives that we will be asked to give an answer for this hope that is within us. 1 Peter 3:15
- So, we can see it is not just some weak, vague, anemic, transient thing.
- This God given hope is certain and true for Paul says in Rom. 5:5, Hope does not disappoint. You can count on it, like love it does not fail.
- Hope looks forward with eager expectation to the things which Christ has purchased for me.
- True Christian hope always sets its eye and affections on things which are above, it looks not on the things of this world but on the world which is to come.
  - **Col. 3:1-4.**
- Carnal, imitation Christianity always sets its hope chiefly on the things of this world, instant reward and gratification. Temporal things.

### **HOPE AND FAITH:**

- **It is interesting to take a couple of minutes to see the connection of "faith and hope."**
- **Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for. They work together.**
- **Hope rests on faith for faith is the substance of the things hoped for.**
- **Faith provides the ground the witness of those things hoped for.**
- **Faith gives us an assurance that God had done certain things for us once and forever in Christ. These things are our hope.**
- **Faith gives us a certainty about these things and hope makes us stand on tip-toe to get a glimpse of them.**
- **Faith has a piece of the promise, while hope looks out from faiths substance and looks on to the whole.**

## **PERSERVERENCE/PATIENCE:**

- One last thing to notice, hope is to be held onto with perseverance, that is patience.
- The very mention of perseverance or patience tells us there will be difficulties, pressures, temptations to abandon hope.
- But by the grace of God, we must not lose hope.
  - 2 Cor. 4:1, and 4:16 we do not lose heart,
  - Heb. 10:35-36, Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

## **CONCLUSION:**

- We were saved in the sphere of hope, a foretaste of the glory to come, placed there at our salvation, a living hope which encourages us to persevere. VS. 25
- We are saved in hope because the climax of our salvation is to come, it is future, and so we wait for it in patience.
- This hope does not disappoint so we can say with the apostle,
  - For I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us.
- This hope which stretches forward to the coming of Christ and the adoption of the saints and the resurrection of the body, echoes the great cry which is declared and is the final word of scripture to us mortals, "even so come Lord Jesus. Rev. 22:20
- Lay hold, do not lose heart, your hope is steadfast and is more sure that all we see around us.

***Rom. 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.***