

Faith, Hope, and Love
The Future of Hope
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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A healthy church requires three elements/virtues to be in abundance:
Faith, Hope, and Love.

Faith believes
Hope looks forward
Love lives out

Our need: A hope that will meet us in our present pain with future promises.

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¹³ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For we say this to you by a word from the Lord: We who are still alive at the Lord's coming will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel's voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hope defined: The confident expectation of receiving what God has promised in the future.

Grieving without Jesus leads to hopelessness. (vs. 13)

God has placed us in a grieving world to live with hope that only Jesus provides!

•Promises: Ephesians 2:12-13; Job 19:25-27; Proverbs 14:32

Hope is found in the gospel. (vs. 14)

Our hope in life after death, is as real as Jesus' resurrection!

·Promises: 1 Corinthians 15:12-23; 2 Corinthians 4:13-14; Revelation 1:18; Romans 8:11

Hope comforts us with Jesus personally. (vs. 15-18)

Jesus provides hope, as He one day will make all things new!

·Promises: Psalms 16:11; Psalms 73:24; John 14:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Revelation 21:3-7; Revelation 22:3-5

Questions for the road:

- Who do you admire that was filled with hope from the Bible? Why?
- Who do you admire that is filled with hope in your life? Why?
- As you reflect, what do you look forward to seeing completely resolved in heaven?
- Who do you know is struggling with hopelessness? What is one thing that you could encourage them from today's message?
- How can I pray for you?

Today's Worship Songs:

Doxology

Praise

Graves into Gardens

Great Are You, Lord

Worthy of Your Name

How Great Thou Art