

BBCC Bible Study Notes
From the Advent Series: The Star
"Got Hope?"
December 3, 2017

Three important questions about hope

1. What is hope?

- Hope is the _____ that God will do what He has promised. *"You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word."* Psalm 119:114 NIV

2. What are the benefits of putting your hope in God?

- Hope in God gives you the _____ to keep going when life is _____. (Isaiah 40:31)

- Hope in God brings _____ to your life. (Psalm 62:5-6)

3. How does Jesus coming to our world give us hope?

- You can live with hope because Jesus made a way for you to be _____. (Ephesians 2:12-13)

- You can live with hope because Jesus can _____ you. (Romans 5:3-5)

- You can live with hope because Jesus is preparing a _____ for you. (John 14:1-3)

Think About This: What situation in my life do I need to place in God's hands so that I can live with hope?

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BBC Devotional Guide for December 3 to 9, 2017

Sunday: Biblical hope is the confident expectation that God will do what He says. Read Psalm 119:114. What are some of the ways that we often use the word “hope”? How is this different from the biblical use of this word? Why should we trust God to keep His promises to us?

Monday: Read Isaiah 40:29-31. Physical and emotional exhaustion can contribute to feelings of hopelessness. This is why we need to put our hope in God. Where do you need God’s strength to get going? Where do you need God’s strength to keep going?

Tuesday: Read Psalm 62:5-8. In order to find rest for our souls we need to put our hope in God. In a sea of uncertainty, hope in God brings stability to our lives. What situation in your life do you need to put in God’s hands in order to live with hope?

Wednesday: We can live with hope because Jesus made a way for us to be forgiven. Read Ephesians 2:12-13. How does verse 12 describe the condition of a believer prior to knowing Christ? What did Jesus do so that we could be forgiven? What happens when we put our faith in Christ and experience His grace and forgiveness?

Thursday: You can live with hope because Jesus can change you. Read Romans 5:1-5. How can suffering produce perseverance? How can perseverance produce character? How can having Christ-like character produce hope?

Friday: You can live with hope because Jesus is preparing a place for you. Read John 14:1-3. What promise does Jesus make to His disciples before going to the cross? How does having a home in heaven someday enable us to live with hope this day?

Saturday: Read Romans 15:13. In the ancient world there were many gods, but only the Christian God is called “the God of hope”. What do we experience as we trust God? What is the source of hope in the life of a believer? How can we experience this hope more consistently?

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