

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Christian Hope

The hope, which a Christian possesses, is far greater in substance than mere wishful thinking. The writer of the Hebrews said, ***“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”*** (Hebrews 11:1). Paul wrote to the Romans, who had been ***“called to be saints,” “For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it?”*** (Romans 8:24-25) That is why Christians base their hope on the substance of faith and their faith on evidence.

The word “hope” comes into comparison with such words as *desire, expect, anticipate, wait* and *look for*. My hope is weak if these aspects of my hope are weak. The apostle Paul wrote, ***“But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city”*** (Hebrew 11:16).

Again, ***“According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death”*** (Philippians 1:20)

Further: ***“For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come”*** (I Thessalonians 1:9-10).

Finally: ***“Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless”*** (2 Peter 3:13-14).

The word hope and comparable terms are used in the Bible to contrast it with despair. The apostle Paul wrote that the Ephesians were at one time ***“without Christ...having no hope and with God in the world”*** (Eph. 2:12; I Thess. 4:13). But he adds ***“now in Christ Jesus...are made nigh by the blood of Christ”*** (Ephesians 2:13). That is why the apostle was able to write to the Colossian brethren and say, ***“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory”*** (Col. 1:27).

The apostle Paul continues to admonish the Galatians: ***“Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not”*** (Gal. 6:9). He is saying to them, in farm language, that in preparing the soil for the sowing of the seed and spending the growing season in watering and cultivating the crop that they should not become weary and faint, because their hope will be realized in the fall at the time of gathering and harvesting the produce.

The Christian’s hope becomes ***“an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast”*** (Heb. 6:19). When Robert Owen visited Alexander Campbell at his farm in Bethany. Campbell took Owen out to the pasture to show him his prized cattle. Owen pointed out one of the calves and said to Campbell: “I am just like that animal, neither of us has any fear of death.” “Yes”, replied Campbell, “but neither of you has hope.” Brother N. B. Hardeman would describe hell to his Bible class as “a place where hope is a stranger and mercy has never been found.”

The Christian’s hope is built upon our desire and expectation that God can and will keep His

promise (Titus 1:2). The apostle Paul wrote that love *“believeth all things [and] hopeth all things”* (I Corinthians 13:7). The apostle Peter encourages us to *“sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear”* (I Peter 3:15). It is surely true that our hope is deepened when it is challenged and we are able to defend our hope against all questions.

—Adron Doran

Placed Membership

Last Sunday, February 24th, **Miguel Lozano** expressed his desire to be a part of this congregation of the Lord’s people and to work under the oversight and guidance of our elders. Please get acquainted with Miguel if you have not already done so.

Prayer Request

Linda Tate is scheduled for eye surgery on Thursday, March 7th in Lubbock. Please continue to keep Linda in your prayers that all will go well and that she will have a speedy recovery.

Bill & Mary Brown were involved in a car accident last week. They were hit from behind. They were not injured, but their car was damaged.

Sharion Price (Jack Wright’s sister) underwent another procedure on her eye last week, which is supposed to give back at least 80% or more of her vision. Sharion wants to thank everyone here at Eisenhower who has kept her in their prayers for her recovery. She appreciates all of the cards.

Ora McAfee has requested prayers for her friend, **Bonnie Pursley**, who works at Walmart in Lubbock. While walking to her car after work, Bonnie was hit by a car which broke both her ankles and a foot. She is in a lot of pain.

Prayer List

Crissy Arroyo; Brian Basaldua; Dennis Betts; Harshad Bhavsar; Bill Brown; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; LaDonna Chism; Jon Cooper; Dana Erwin; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Wayne Gunn; Winford Hambright; Roberta Hamil; Letha Hooper; Jennifer Jones; Paul Ketchell; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Carolyn Morrison; José Padilla; Doc Phariss; Sharion Price; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Janelle Shirley; Charles Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Beth Ann Warren; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

The well where the servant met Rebekah was called Lahairoi. Was this true or false?

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer...

David, Saul and Solomon were all Kings of Israel.

Events

Watch *“In Search of the Lord’s Way”* every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the *“Speaking the Truth in Love”* program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Singing Seminar

Myron Bruce will be here to conduct a *“Singing Seminar”* on April 6th and 7th. Please plan to attend and learn more about how we can improve our singing in our worship unto the Lord.

Office News

The “New Mexico Children’s Home” will be here Tuesday, March 5th for a food pick up. They are requesting **Aluminum Foil**. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Trials

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.” (1 Peter 4:12-14).

Scripture does not tell us that we should enjoy trials and hardships. What it does tell us is that if we suffer for our relationship to Christ that we can be assured that we will also share in His glory. Some suffering is because of our actions, some are just the facts of life and others are because we are serving God. In any case the relationship we have with Christ will help us to endure all trials that come our way.

Being patient, having endurance and steadfastness are characteristics that come from knowledge of God, knowing that He is always near. Later verses show us that we should avoid sinful ways that cause us to suffer, like evildoing and meddling. There is no question that we will have trials that are caused by our relationship with God. They are trials that are to test us, making us better able to cope with life. We should always rejoice in the fact that God sees our needs and supplies accordingly.

—Charles Willis

via Church of Christ at Curry Jasper, AL

March 3rd, 2019	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Dex Dennard	Larry May
Second Prayer	Don Easlon	Jr. Munoz
Closing Prayer	Doug Guynn	Rudy Ochoa
Lord's Supper (Scripture Reading)	<u>Jeff Wesson</u>	
West...	Jackie Perkins	George Warren
	Bill Ryan	Communion
	David Ryan	(In Library)
East...	Richard Siler	
	Tom Sorenson	
	Scot Straw	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon*; John Wood 413-7444 *Pulpit*; Bill Tolbert 381-5564 *Tables*; George Warren 557-2171— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons*; Craig Wesson 934-4633 *Collections*: Craig Wesson 934-4633

Sunday AM

“ABC’s of Conflict” - Part 2
(James 1:2-12)

Sunday PM

“Sanctity of Marriage”
(Matthew 19:1-6)

