

THE PERFECT PATH TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD
SERIES: PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE
MESSAGE 7: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL
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• FOUNDATION SCRIPTURES:

- 2 Peter 1:4
 - Whereby = in accordance with, **under the terms of**
- (2 Peter 1:4) [Amplified Classic Version] By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.
- (2 Peter 1:4) [New English Translation] Through these things he has bestowed on us his precious and most magnificent promises, so that by means of what was promised you may become partakers of the divine nature, after escaping the worldly corruption that is produced by evil desire.
- Matthew 16:19 = Jesus gives us the Keys to the Kingdom
 - The Keys are used because of the Revelation in verse 16
 - Jesus' Church (the Body of Christ) is built on this Revelation
 - 1 John 4:17
 - **John 17:17**

I. Defining Faith Scripturally:

- a. Mark 11:22-25
- b. **Hebrews 11:6**
 - i. Philippians 4:19
- c. (Hebrews 11:1) [Amplified Classic Version] NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].
- d. Hebrews 11:1 [Moffat's Translation] Faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see
- e. (Heb 11:1) [New English Translation] Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, being convinced of what we do not see.
 - i. Assurance, Confirmation, Confidence, Surety = Faith
 - ii. Hope = expectation
- f. Hope by itself brings NO substance to God's Covenant Promises
- g. Faith needs Hope (expectation) to bring substance to

II. Hope is the Blueprint for Faith

- a. Colossians 1:21-23
- b. Romans 5:1-5
 - i. We MUST understand how Faith & Hope work together with Patience
- c. Hope is the Anchor (stability) of the Soul: Mind, Will & Emotions
 - i. If the Soul is out of order (in chaos, turmoil, not sanctified by God's Words) then faith will also be out of order
- d. Hebrews 6:13-19
 - i. Verse 15: God couldn't get the promise to Abraham until Abraham was fully persuaded of that promise – the promise had to become Abraham's
 - ii. Verse 19: Hope brings to the Soul:
 1. Surety
 2. Stability
 - a. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

III. Receiving in a Figure: Vision by Prophecy

- a. Hebrews 11:17-19
 - i. Verse 19: Figure = a vision
 1. 1 Timothy 1:18-19
 2. 1 Timothy 1:18: 1 Timothy 6:11-12
 - a. Verse 12: Profess the Vision until its yours (from Hope to Faith with Patience)
 - b. Hope = I could have it
 - c. Faith = I do have it
- b. Psalm 16:9-11
- c. Ephesians 2:11-19
 - i. Verse 13 = verse 10

IV. The Inner Image (Hope) of Who We Are IN Christ

- a. 2 Peter 1:1 = Peter knew exactly who he was in Christ
- b. Romans 8:24-29
- c. 1 John 3:1-3
- d. John 14:22-23
- e. John 15:16