

Christ Proclamation Church – Core Values

Bible Study 6; Monday, July 14, 2014; Steve Thiel

Saving Faith is Hopeful

We value clarity on the hopefulness of saving faith. Real faith is grounded in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection and the promise of future glory. Therefore, our hope is not in this life or this passing world's rewards. Our hope, instead, is fixed on Christ's return and the certainty of our future salvation, which enables us to walk in righteousness, endure trials with joy, and share our faith with zeal.

I. The Relationship of Hope to Faith → Read Hebrews 11:1-2, 6

- A. What is the relationship between faith and hope?
- B. How do the different examples in Hebrews 11 demonstrate this connection?

II. The Reason for Hope → Read Romans 5:1-11

- A. Why should we be rejoicing in the hope of the glory of God?
- B. Why is our hope a hope that does not disappoint? How is the context of 4:18-21 helpful?
- C. What are some of God's promises that give you hope?

III. The Reality of Hope in Everyday Life → Read 1 Peter 1:3-9

- A. What kind of hope do we have and what does it look like in everyday life?
- B. How does this hope work itself out in the midst of difficulty? How are trials helpful to us?
- C. According to 1 Peter 1:13-16, where should we fix our hope and how should we live?
(Note – Another helpful passage is 1 John 3:1-3)
- D. What are some practical ways for you to fix your hope completely on Christ's return?
- E. According to 1 Peter 3:13-15, what should we do with the hope that is ours in Christ?

CORE VALUES COVERED

Study 1 - The Bible
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Study 4 - The Miraculous Nature of Saving Faith
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Study 9 - Gospel-Driven Leadership
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