

A Life of Hope

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'FIX YOUR HOPE ON FUTURE GLORY'

ROMANS 8:13-30

1. How did you define hope, as Allan had us share with one another at the beginning of the teaching. Allan gave a definition of hope from this passage as *'To wait patiently for joy we do not yet have'* (v 25) He paired this with the idea that weeping is in the night but joy comes in the morning Psalm 30:5 How does this definition in these verses help you in your present life situations and challenges?

Look up these verses about hope to see what you learn about true hope.

Psalm 25:3, 119:74, 147:11. Isaiah 40:31. Jeremiah 29:11. Ephesians 2:12. 1 Thess 5:8.

Hebrews 6:19, 11:1. 1 John 3:3

2. What does it mean to be led by the Spirit? (v14) What does the Holy Spirit lead us to? eg. a holy life

3. Adoption, heirs (v 15-17).

We have received the Spirit of sonship, we are His children (v 15).

Why do we doubt this? Verse 17 says we are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ - to what extent have you understood or embraced this phrase? What does our inheritance include? (v 17)

4. Allan said this passage was like a cosmic envelope.

Page 1 being the frustrated, fallen, misaligned world, people and creation

Page 2 the liberated, freed, restored new heaven, earth and all creation including us perfected

How does this future hope help you live now with your present challenges?

How can it/does it give you more patience as you wait with hope for God's promises to you now and future?

5. Prayer, intercession of the Spirit (v 26-27)

How do these verses give you hope and courage in the things you know are so big you don't know to pray?

What encourages you in (v 27) ?

6. The love of God (v 28-30)

Share what encourages you in these verses.

What is hard in your life that you can/ will trust God will work together for good.

If your situation is really hard, is there an encouragement here you can take hold of.

V 29 is an eternal chain of God's work. Discuss any of the words used if you have time.

How does this chain fit with Philippians 1:6. What does it mean to be conformed to the likeness of Christ?

Does this just happen?

7. Victory and triumph in Christ (v 38-39)

Read these verses and share your thoughts.



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