

## Where's Your Hope?

The Bible has a whole chapter about love (1 Cor. 13). The Bible has a whole chapter about faith (Heb. 11). The Bible has a whole chapter about hope—do you know which chapter it is? It is longer than the chapter about love and the chapter about faith combined. It is found in First Corinthians 15—what most Bible students might refer to as the resurrection chapter.

As Christians, we have a living hope because Jesus Himself was raised from the dead (15:1-19), and because “Christ is risen from the dead,” He “has become the firstfruits” of those who have died in Christ (15:20). His resurrection guarantees our resurrection! Death is not the end! In fact, when Jesus returns, “the dead will be raised,” and death will be no more (15:52-54)!

Is there hope beyond this life? Is there hope beyond our last breath? Is there hope beyond the grave? Yes! That hope is wrapped around the same thing that our faith and love are wrapped around—Jesus Christ! Let us put our hope in Him and eagerly await His return! ~David Sproule

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome

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### If Any Man Will

Jesus extended this salvation to everyone in the world in the first century and He still extends it to everyone: “*If any man will.*” No one is excluded. This is why Jesus told the apostles just before his ascension, “*ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth*” (Acts 1:8). And, later, the apostle Paul will state, “*Because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, whereof ye heard before in the word of truth of the gospel, which is come unto you, even as it is also in all the world bearing fruit and increasing*” (Col. 1:5-6). Every person in the world can receive the gift of salvation.

That is why Jesus tells the apostles, “*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved*” (Mark 16:15-16). We read that, by God's grace, Jesus “*should taste of death of every man*” (Heb 2:9). Riches, race or education give no advantage in being accepted by the Lord. “*God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is acceptable to him*” (Acts 10:34-35). These words were spoken to a gentile, Cornelius, who previously could not have been saved without first becoming a full Jewish believer and participant in all the rules and regulations of the burdens of the Law of Moses. Jesus died for all. “*For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all*” (2 Cor. 5:14). None are ruled out who will come to Him.

Our response to the Lord's salvation is a matter of our “*will.*” Note, “*If any man will.*” We do not come to Him, by accident, we **determine** that we shall come to Him. It is an exercise of our will. We read, “*For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men*” (2 Tim 2:11). Yet, many are not saved. Joshua challenged Israel, as they settled into their new homes in Canaan, now the land of Israel, “*Choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah*” (Josh. 24:15). In effect, all men face that same challenge today. The apostles exhorted sinners, “*Save yourselves from this crooked generation*” (Acts 2:40). In no uncertain terms, we are told that the Lord God wants “*all men to be saved*” (1 Tim. 2:4). Yet, many are not. It is God's will that you come to Christ, but it must also be your will to come. It must be your choice. ~Clem Thurman

<sup>25</sup>Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life hat you will eat or what you will drink, not about your body what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? [ ] <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

(Matt.6:25-27, 33)

<b>Keep These Dates in Mind</b>	<b>July Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>	
Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.	Kael Botts 7/3 Marilyn Davis 7/15 Danny & Shannon Mendoza 7/22 Alec Minor 7/22 Jim & Holly Preston 7/22 Dorothy Bryan 7/27	Sarah Mendoza 7/28 Ila Stephens 7/28

Please come and join us in our worship to God. We will be studying Matthew on Sunday Mornings and Ephesians on Sunday night,  
Please be respectful of those who need to wear masks and practice social distancing because of health issues in their family.

**Bible Studies**

<b>Adult Bible Classes</b> Sunday am – O.T. Wed pm – Acts 13-28 (Paul's Journeys)	<b>Youth Classes</b> Classroom Wing <b>Teen Class</b> - Teen Room	<b>Ladies Class</b> Cancelled until further notice
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**Issues (ongoing):** Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Marji Lindholm, Marilyn Davis, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington, Helen Pierce, Lupe Mendoza, Panzy Caywood

There are many in our congregation who are dealing with serious health issues currently. Please keep all of them in your prayers. I will list them below:

**Jack Danley** – recovering from Diverticulitis

**Sandy Gray** – as she waits for the operation on her thyroid

**Bill Henniger** – Multiple health issues, Kidneys and water retention around lungs

**Pat Lindsay** – is recovering and gaining strength. Her wounds are healing and reasons for her lymphedema are being explored

**Doris Pennington** – Has been diagnosed as having Covid-19. So far, she is holding her own.

**Judy Ward** – A - fib heart condition

**Our Ministries**

**Mountain States Children's Home**

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

**Peru Ministry** - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

**Food Pantry** - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

**What We All Need to Know**

Early in His ministry, Jesus made this bold declaration: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Think about each element of this verse and the two verses that follow.

There is nothing more important or essential for us than to "enter the kingdom of heaven." Jesus first tells us who will NOT enter the kingdom of heaven. It is not enough to say to Jesus, "Lord, Lord." What did He mean by that? Look at the next verse (v. 22), as Jesus looks ahead to the day of judgment: "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'" Here are persons who, like Jesus discussed in verse 21, call to Him as Lord, AND they itemize for Jesus some things that they have done for Him in His name.

Think for a moment, how impressive the actions are that are mentioned in verse 22: prophesied, cast out demons, done many wonders. They are very impressive things to be able to do for the Lord in His name. And, notice how sincerely these people thought that what they were doing was right, acceptable, and even commendable by the Lord. Was there something wrong with what they were doing? It all sounds good and looks good. Jesus' stern rebuke and condemnation in verse 23 is compelling. To these individuals who just claimed to have done all of these great things for the Lord in His name, Jesus pronounces: "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" To a group of sincere believers and followers, who just declared their allegiance to Him and doing deeds in His name, Jesus announced: (1) "I never knew you"; (2) "Depart from Me"; (3) "You practice lawlessness!" Their activities for Him were lawless.

Jesus had warned in verse 21 that, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,'" shall enter the kingdom of heaven." Then, He gave a clear illustration that He is dead-serious about this warning; He will not hesitate to condemn for all eternity even those who sincerely claim to follow Him.

Let's go back up to verse 21. Jesus also makes it very clear who SHALL enter the kingdom of heaven—it is "he who does the will of My Father in heaven." That is a VERY limited number of people (see verses 13-14). Jesus said that there are only a FEW who would do the will of the Father and enter the narrow gate of heaven. In Matthew 7, Jesus both limits and specifies the ones who will go to heaven. Are you in that number? Are you doing the will of the Father in heaven? ~David Sproule

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**

Matthew 5:3