

Count Your Blessings



The Blessing of Hope

2 Corinthians 12:9-10; 1 Peter 3:15

Hope Rooted in the Promises of God

- At the heart of Christian hope lies the unwavering assurance that God always keeps His promises.
- God promises to never leave nor forsake us.
- When burdens become overwhelming and our hearts grow heavy, Jesus invites us to trade our yokes for His.
- Through faith and hope in Christ, we are filled with a peace that surpasses all understanding.

The Source Of Our Hope

- Standing on the promises of God is not rooted in fleeting feelings or abstract ideas but in the reality of Christ's resurrection.
- We are united with Christ in His death and resurrection.
- A believer's hope is not dependent on circumstances, but on God's mercy.

The Strength Of Our Hope

- Tribulations can have profound, positive effects on us, shaping our character and deepening our trust in God's promises.
- Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance shapes character; and character births hope.
- The ability to endure amid life's storms rests on God's grace, for God's power is made perfect in our weakness.
- Suffering is never wasted but becomes a tool for growth, shaping us into the image of Christ.

The Security Of Our Hope

- The treasure we hold within us, as jars of clay, is meant to be shared with others.
- The hope we carry has the power to ignite hope in others.
- As Christ's ambassadors, we are called to let His light shine brightly through us by living and proclaiming His Word.
- We must not hide our light under the bushel of indifference.

Conclusion

- In the storms of life, we can rest in the assurance that our hope is secure in Christ.
- Suffering is never wasted when placed in the hands of our loving Creator.
- We are called to share our hope with a world desperately searching for peace amid turbulence.
- In Christ, our anchor holds firm, and our eternal home is secure.