

Hope Is Better Than Anger

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RAGE: Finding Calm In An Age Of Outrage, Pt. 5

Psalm 37:34-40

Romans 15:13, *May the God of **hope** fill you with all **joy** and **peace** as you **trust** in Him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the **Holy Spirit**.*

Hebrews 11:1, *Now faith is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

Psalm 42:5, *Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God...*

1. Our Hope Defines OUR WALK

Psalm 37:34, ***Hope in the Lord** and **keep His way**. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are destroyed, you will see it. 35 I have seen a wicked and ruthless man flourishing like a luxuriant native tree, 36 but he soon passed away and was no more; though I looked for him, he could not be found.*

Ephesians 5:15, *Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*

2. Our Hope Shapes OUR PERSPECTIVE

Psalm 37:37, ***Consider the blameless, observe the upright**, a future awaits those who seek peace. 38 But all sinners will be destroyed; there will be no future for the wicked.*

Acts 20:24, *However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.*

3. Our Hope Guarantees OUR FUTURE

Psalm 37:39, ***The salvation of the righteous comes from the***

Lord; He is their stronghold in time of trouble. 40 The Lord helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.

1 Peter 1:3, *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His **great mercy** He has **given us** new birth into a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead 4 and into an **inheritance** that can **never perish, spoil** or **fade**. This **inheritance** is **kept** in Heaven **for you**, 5 who through faith are **shielded by God's power** until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you **greatly rejoice**, though now for a little while you may have had to **suffer grief in all kinds of trials**. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*