

Remember and Hope!

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What Are We Called to Remember?

- Our SALVATION

Ephesians 2:12, *Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

- Our PURPOSE

Philippians 2:12, *Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.*

- Our ENEMY

1 Corinthians 10:11, *These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*

What Are We Called to Hope In?

- God's FAITHFULNESS

Romans 8:38, *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither*

angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- God's PURPOSES

Philippians 1:6, *Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Romans 8:28, *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

- God's KINGDOM

2 Corinthians 4:16, *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

Hebrews 13:14, *For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.*

Two Ways God Commands the Church to Remember and Hope:

- BAPTISM and THE LORD'S SUPPER

How Does Baptism Help Us Remember and Hope?

- Remember: NEW LIFE

Romans 6:1, *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

- Hope: RESURRECTION

Romans 6:5, *For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— 7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.*

How Does the Lord's Supper Help Us Remember and Hope?

- Remember: SALVATION

1 Corinthians 11:23, *For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

- Hope: HIS RETURN

1 Corinthians 11:26, *For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

What Is the Key to Living a Life of Remembrance and Hope?

- Living Life TOGETHER

1 Thessalonians 5:8, *But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*