



#6 "Because of the Hope of Heaven"

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Luke 24:13-21 NLT:

“That same day two of Jesus’ followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. But God kept them from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?” They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, “You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn’t heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days.” “What things?” Jesus asked. “The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth,” they said. “He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel.”

Titus 1:1-2 NLT:

“This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives. This truth gives them confidence (“hope”-NIV) that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began.”

Romans 15:13 NLT:

“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

2 Thessalonians 2:16 NLT:

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope...”

Isaiah 40:31 NIV:

“...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

I. God's _____ Gives Hope

- **Romans 15:4 NLT:**
“Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled.”
- **Hebrews 13:5 NLT:**
“...For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.”

II. The _____ of Jesus Gives Hope

- **John 15:13 NLT:**
“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”
- **Romans 8:32 NLT:**
“Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else?”
- **Col. 1:21-22 NLT:**
“This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.”

III. The _____ Jesus Gives Us Hope

- **Romans 6:3-6 NLT:**
“Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.”
- **2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT:**
“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”