

13. How can we pray for one another this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Hope is like the cork to the net, which keeps the soul from sinking in despair; and fear, like the lead to the net, which keeps it from floating in presumption.

Thomas Watson

Faith looks backward, trusting in and relying on what God has done in the past, but faith also looks forward and finds its anchor for the soul in the future promises of God. That is the foundation for our joy.

R.C. Sproul

The glory of the star, the glory of the sun - we must not lose either in the other. We must not be so full of the hope of heaven that we cannot do our work on the earth; we must not be so lost in the work of the earth that we shall not be inspired by the hope of heaven.

Phillip Brooks

Joy is not a matter of temperament or of circumstances. Joy comes from faith in the promises of God, which remind us that we have an omnipotent Father ... the abiding presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

S. Lewis Johnson

True happiness with which our souls can be satisfied, is the enjoyment of God ... Fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, children, or the company of earthly friends ... are but scattered beam, but God is the sun. These are but streams, but God is the fountain. These are but drops, but God is the ocean.

Jonathan Edwards

Augustine famously said, "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee." He believed that even when you seem to be enjoying something else, God is the actual source of your joy. The thing you love is from Him and is lovely because it bears His signature. All joy is really found in God, and anything you do enjoy is derivative, because what you are really looking for is Him, whether you know it or not.

Timothy Keller

The aim of God in creating and redeeming us is the delight He Himself enjoys in seeing His creatures delight in Him. As Edwards said, "The glorifying of God is nothing but rejoicing in the manifestations of Him." In other words, the purpose of the knowledge of God is the enjoyment of God because "God is most glorified in you when you are most satisfied in Him."

John Piper



Message #96: Rejoicing in Hope

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Sermon
Notes

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2. How does this text/sermon apply to your everyday Christian life?

3. Am I full of joy in hope (*Romans 12:12a*)? Why or why not?

4. What do these passages add to your understanding of the phrase, *rejoicing in hope* (*Romans 12:12a*)?
Romans 5:1-5 —

Romans 8:24-25 —

5. Why should we be joyful in hope when afflicted (*Romans 5:3-5*)?

6. What is the definition of Christian hope (*Hebrews 6:11; 11:1*)?

7. What is the ground of Christian hope (*Colossians 1:23; 2 Thessalonians 2:16*)?

8. What is the cause of Christian hope in the human heart? What brings it about and sustains it (*Romans 15:4; 1 Peter 1:3*)?

9. What is the content of Christian hope? What are we hoping for?
Romans 5:2 — *Titus 1:2; 3:7* —

Romans 8:23 —

Titus 2:13 —

Galatians 5:5 —

10. Because our doctrine and theology is grounded in the promises of God we have what according to these verses?

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 — *Titus 3:7* —

1 Corinthians 15:55 —

1 Peter 1:3 —

11. What is the fruit of our Christian hope? What comes from hope? Does hope produce anything in daily life?

12. Am I grumbling and complaining in depression or cynicism? If so, how does that line up with *rejoicing in hope* (*Romans 12:12a*)? What will you do about it?