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Summary

Scriptures: I Thess. 1:2-3, I Peter 1:13, Matt. 25:31-46

“Christian hope” is different from non-specific “hope” because it is based on God’s promises, the finished work of Christ, and God’s righteous judgment. Hope is founded on God not our feelings or situation in life. Hope is greater than what’s around us. We can experience sadness and joy at the same time because even in difficult times our hope in God. This hope leads to endurance and perseverance.

The evidence of hope is boldness. We should pray bold prayers and leave the answers to God (Luke 5:17). God can do miracles because His Word says so. Everything we do is for God’s glory not ours. Therefore, since our successes and failures don’t define us, and God is able to do miracles; we are able to offer hope to others.

Practical Applications of Hope:

1. Give people sincere affirmation.
2. Stand with people when they fail.
3. Give a listening ear.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does Christ’s death and resurrection have to do with the difficulties we face in life?
2. In Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus says that God will separate and judge people based on how they treat those around them. What does this judgment have to do with Christian hope?
3. What are some scriptural promises that have given you hope during a difficult time?