



Hope: Looking for Hope December 11, 2011

Again Isaiah says, Then, the root of Jesse will emerge – He rises to rule all the peoples of the world who come to Him for guidance and direction. In Him they place their hope. Romans 15:12

And his name will be the hope of all the world.”
Matthew 12:21 (NLT)

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In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" Luke 2:8-14 (NRSV)

Looking for Hope

Where then is my hope? Who can see [any] hope for me?
Job 17:15 (HCSB)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

The Source of Hope

May God, the source of hope, fill you with joy and peace through your faith in him. Then you will overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13 (GW)

1. God's _____

I find rest in God; only he gives me hope.
Psalm 62:5 (NCV)

But those who hope in Yahweh will regain their strength, they will sprout wings like eagles, though they run they will not grow weary, though they walk they will never tire.
Isaiah 40:31 (NJB)

2. God's _____

I long for Your salvation; I put my hope in Your word.
Psalm 119:81 (HCSB)

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:21-23 (NRSV)

3. God's _____

And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.
Romans 5:2b-4 (NIV)

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.
Romans 8:28 (NRSV)

4. God's _____

Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times.
Romans 12:12 (TEV)

Be glad for all God is planning for you.
Romans 12:12a (TLB)

I know the plans that I have for you, declares the LORD. They are plans for peace and not disaster, plans to give you a future filled with hope.
Jeremiah 29:11 (GW)

My Next Step Today Is To . . .

- ☐ Choose to trust God, putting my hope in Him.
- ☐ Accept God's process and purpose for my life, even when it means going through dark times.
- ☐ Commit to disciplines which help me experience the presence and promises of God.
- ☐ Meditate and/or memorize Romans 15:13