

One Hope

I. Introduction:

A. What or who do you have your hope in (**Psalms 33:13-21**)?

1. You're not trusting in some person for your hope, are you (**Psalms 118:8-9, Psalms 146:3, Jeremiah 17:5-7, and Micah 7:5-7**)?
2. The Psalmist, without the hope we have, nailed it (**Psalms 71:5**) and that hope should reside in us (**I Peter 3:15**).

B. Real hope even puts death in a certain perspective (**Proverbs 14:32**).

1. Hope is enduring (**I Corinthians 13:8-13**).
2. Hope is motivating (**Psalms 78:1-7**) and is called our anchor (**Hebrews 6:18-20**).

II. Body: Among "The Ones", We Have One hope (**Ephesians 4:1-6**)

A. In a time of Judah's punishment for their transgressions, we see how hopelessness can be replaced with hope (**Lamentations 3:1-26**).

1. Bad situations cause hopelessness (**Acts 27:13-20**).
2. Faith in God's promises is the fuel for hope even under unspeakably difficult situations (**Romans 4:13-22**).
3. Do you have unwavering faith in the rightly understood promises of God (**I Corinthians 15:58 and Colossians 1:21-23**; cf. **Hebrews 3:6**)?

B. Our hope is not in this world (**Colossians 1:5, Titus 1:1-3, Titus 2:11-14, and Titus 3:7**).

1. Our hope lays wait for us in the resurrection (**I Peter 1:3-9**).
2. Thankfully, we are not like those who have no hope (**I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11**).
3. Without the hope of a future resurrection, hope would not even be in the person of Christ (**I Corinthians 15:1-23 and I Peter 1:18-21**).

C. Don't fall for misguided hope (**Jeremiah 8:1-15**).

1. Don't believe false messengers that get your hopes up in things that are not true (**Jeremiah 23:13-22 and II Peter 2:17-19**).
2. Put your hope and trust in the right place (**Psalms 20:5-9**).

III. Conclusion: Remember, among other things, we are saved by proper hope (**Romans 8:24-25**).