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Gifts of Goodness: Hope is Real

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Hope comes from the LORD

Psalm 62:5

Hope in the LORD

Psalm 25:5

Hope for the LORD

Psalm 33:20

Hope in His Name

Psalm 52:9

Hope in His Word

Psalm 119:114

Hope in His Unfailing Love

Psalm 147:11

The LORD promises hope to us

Jeremiah 29:11

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him

Lamentations 3:25

Hope is so critical because it fuels our faith in God and love for people.

Colossians 1:3-6 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you.

What is our hope?

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Psalm 130:7 Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

How do you regain hope?

1. Hear the Word of God:

Like faith: you need to keep hearing the Word of God...the message of the gospel...that Jesus is coming again...that God is for you...that God's purpose will prevail...that God's promises are trustworthy.

Isaiah 40:28-31 ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

2. Think about heaven:

Think about the future that will be...think about the end results of your faith...perseverance...

Colossians 3:2 (see also Philippians 4:8)
Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

3. Listen to encouragement:

Listen to the encouragement of others around you.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

4. Talk to yourself:

Say the right things to yourself. Repeat out loud God's Word and promises. Use the sword of the Spirit to defeat the thoughts of hopelessness.

Psalms 42:5 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Philippians 1:6 He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Summary: Love is action. Joy is a choice. Peace is a person. And Hope is real!

Closing Blessing

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.