

Hope in Uncertain Times

2 Thess 2:13-15

Where is your hope in these uncertain times?

Our hope is in the fact that we are God's _____

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers **beloved by the Lord**, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 2 Thess 2:13

...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Eph 3:17-19

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So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father?'" John 16:17

It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, Deut 7:7

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To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess 2:14

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Rom 8:18-21

Because our hope is secure, we can _____!

So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. 2 Thess 2:15

Discussion Questions:

- Share how you have been dealing with the recent political, racial, physical challenges. What does that reveal about where your hope is?
- Do you believe that God loves you? How have you experienced that love?
- Election is a topic that can be difficult to understand. Read Rom 8:28-30 and Rom 9-11. Discuss what the bible has to say about the topic of election and how it is just.
- 2 Peter 1:3-11 – How does Peter's and Paul's understand of election line up?
- How can you respond to the Holy Spirit in the work of sanctification? How can you quench the spirit in the work of sanctification?
- How does the hope of being with Christ in glory one day change the way you live today?
- How can you stand firm this week because of these truths?

Read Acts 16-18 for background on Paul's 2nd missionary journey and the beginning of the church in Thessalonica