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HOPE

And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. 1 John 3:3 ESV What is biblical hope?

It's more than optimism, which is defined as "hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something." Christians are more than glass-half-full people. Biblical hope means seeing more than silver linings, it means seeing a person: Jesus. While there are multiple ways the Bible uses hope, in our passage today, it means to "hold on" to something that's a sure thing.

What's so special about this?

As a mentor once told me, "Whoever has your hope, has your heart." What he meant is that we will pursue whatever brings us hope — and that shapes our lives. We decide

based on what (or whom) we hope in.

In today's verse, the Apostle John teaches us that placing our ultimate hope in Jesus will lead to moral purity.

We follow God's path rather than the world's because we *fully believe* his plans lead to ultimate satisfaction, delight, and fulfillment.

Beyond moral righteousness, there is another way we can consider purity.

Picture a glass of clear water with no adulterants or debris. This is having "pure" focus on Jesus. And hope in him as our ultimate Savior produces that.

Place your ultimate hope for salvation, fulfillment, and delight in Jesus today. As we do, we become like him in moral excellence and character.

Weekly Bible Reading

Day	New Testament	Whole Bible
Feb. 5	Matt. 22:1-22	Job 38-42
Feb. 6	Matt. 22:23-46	Exodus 1-3
Feb. 7	Matt. 23:1-12	Exodus 4-6
Feb. 8	Matt. 23:13-33	Exodus 7-9
Feb. 9	Matt. 23:34-24:3	Exodus 10-12
Feb. 10	Matt. 24:4-31	Exodus 13-15
Feb. 11	24:32-51	Exodus 16-18

Weekly Prayer Needs

Prayers

Harold Coan, Jesse & JoAnn Miller, Tillman Hill, Robert Dykes, Chloe Cochran, Suzanne Lauderdale, Edna Harrison, W.C. Dickinson, Marty Mobley, Evelyn Hicks, Betty Green, Joan Dees, Paul Lisieski, Shae Williams, Tony Langley, Nickey McCreless, Freddie Butler, Andrew Adams, Blake McAfee

Shut-Ins

Harold Coan, Jimmy Dye Sr., Tucker Howell, Betty Hughes, Ruby Mays, Ruth Osborne, Jimmy Raper, Nellie Tuck

*Please keep everyone with COVID in your prayers!

Sonny Fell remains in Russellville Hospital after a procedure on his leg.

Charlotte Pruitt (Velva Dykes daughter-in-law) has been diagnosed with cancer.

If you brought a dish to Neal and Brenda Cook you can pick those up in the OLD fellowship hall by the side door.

Ella Wayne McNutt passed away Monday morning. She was the sister-in-law of Billy McNutt. Her funeral will be Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm. It will be a private grave-side service at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February

5th- Janie Lisieski 6th- Carolyn Winsted 6th- Tabitha Clark 8th- John Robert Ellis 9th- Linda Gentle 10th- Wanda Setliff

<u>Service Schedule</u>

Elders Brian Fortenberry Rickey McCreless Danny Tedford Sunday Worship... 9am & 10:30am Wednesday Worship... 2:30PM & 6:30pm

Deacons

Eric Baker Haley Dobbs Tanner Goddard Bruce Hood Will Romine

Minister: Matthew Balentine