

Two Reasons to Be Hopeful in 2023

January 01, 2023

“In biblical language, hope is optimistic _____.”
(*Spiritual Formation as if the Church Mattered*, James Wilhoit, 66)

“God chooses broken people to be saved, because that’s all He has to work with.” (Men’s Roundup 2022 speaker, Chad Moore)

1. You are _____ (Ecclesiastes 9:4)

“Anyone who is among the living has _____
—even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!”

- Life is a _____ (Acts 17:25; 1 Timothy 6:13)
“ . . . because He [God] himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.”
“In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, . . .”
- Life is _____ (Psalm 116:15)
“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints”
“His loved ones are very precious to him, and he does not lightly let them die.” (TLB)
- Life is _____ (James 4:14)
“What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”
- Life is _____ (Job 14:1)
“Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.”
- Life is _____ in Christ (John 10:10)
“ . . . I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

2. Christ is _____ (1 Corinthians 15:19-20)

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

On Your Own (better with others)

1. What insight, observation or principle did you find eye-opening, helpful, or troubling?
2. READ Psalm 42 and 43. They are considered one psalm.
 - a. Describe the mental/emotional state of the psalmist (see 42:2,3,6,9,10,11 and 43:2).
 - b. What words does he use to express his brokenness?
 - c. Three times the psalmist uses “self-talk” to reorient his soul and refocus on God. Write out Psalm 43:5.

3. READ Romans 5:1-5
 - a. Trace the pathway of hope beginning with suffering in verse 3. Does that ring true in your experience? Y or N
 - b. What is the reason that “hope does not disappoint us” in vs 5?
4. READ 1 Corinthians 13:13. Which one of the three “sisters” (faith, hope, love) of the Christian life is the most challenging for you personally? Explain.
5. READ Hebrews 10:23-25. List five practical ways that others can help you to “hold unswervingly to the hope we profess.”
6. READ 1 Peter 3:15. What is the reason for your hope? What would you say to someone who tells you that they “have no hope?”

COMING EVENTS!

Women's Retreat 2023 Jan. 13th-15th. Please pray for our speaker Stephanie Mantie that the Lord's will would be done in and through her. Pray for the hearts of women attending to be prepared to receive the Word.

Thank you for your support of SACA, our food pantry and financial assistance that help people with utilities and rent aid.

Thank you for ensuring that our community has access to support for basic needs. Your kindness is heartwarming!

Kate Van Ummerson, Treasurer SACA Board

Thank You: The Ministry and Office Staff of the church are humbled by the generosity of all who contributed to the special gift for Christmas. We are very blessed and deeply grateful. It is a privilege to serve the Lord Jesus among you.

Tom Smith, JD Winters, Richard Freeman, Mary Neldner, AJ Stoddard

Weekly Opportunities (here at S1B)

WEDNESDAYS

- Youth Group (6-12th grade) in Youth Building 6:30-8:00pm.
- AWANA Clubs (ages 3-6th grade) in main building 6:30-8:15

THURSDAYS 7 to 8pm Join in prayer with other believers (in Fireside Rm).
"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful" (Colossians 4:2)

SUNDAYS 9 to 10am Youth/Adult Sunday School classes

- Raoul Robles "A Major Theme in A Minor Key," Hosea in room #111
- Duke Ricketts "Genesis Ch. 12-20" upstairs in room #207
- Zach Richman 6th-12th grade in Youth Building

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm.

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