



## ***H.O.P.E! – Happy Resurrection Day!***

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**Sermon Notes from April 4, 2010**

### **Our hope should be greater!**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:12-23 (Contemporary English Version)**

##### **God's People Will Be Raised to Life**

12If we preach that Christ was raised from death, how can some of you say that the dead will not be raised to life? 13If they won't be raised to life, Christ himself wasn't raised to life. 14And if Christ wasn't raised to life, our message is worthless, and so is your faith. 15If the dead won't be raised to life, we have told lies about God by saying that he raised Christ to life, when he really did not. 16So if the dead won't be raised to life, Christ wasn't raised to life. 17Unless Christ was raised to life, your faith is useless, and you are still living in your sins. 18And those people who died after putting their faith in him are completely lost. **19If our hope in Christ is good only for this life, we are just as worse off than anyone else.** 20But Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life. 21Just as we will die because of Adam, we will be raised to life because of Christ. 22Adam brought death to all of us, and Christ will bring life to all of us. 23But we must each wait our turn. Christ was the first to be raised to life, and his people will be raised to life when he returns.

### **Our hope should have the correct focus.**

#### **Jeremiah 17:7 (New Living Translation)**

7 "But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.

#### **Hebrews 11:1 (New Living Translation)**

1 Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

### **HOPE defined**

hope: noun, verb, hoped, hop-ing

#### **–noun**

- the feeling that what is wanted can be had or that events will turn out for the best: to give up hope.
- a person or thing in which expectations are centered: The medicine was her last hope.



- something that is hoped for: Her forgiveness is my constant hope.

**–verb (used with object)**

- to look forward to with desire and reasonable confidence.
- to believe, desire, or trust: I hope that my work will be satisfactory.

**–verb (used without object)**

- to feel that something desired may happen: We hope for an early spring.

Archaic. to place trust; rely (usually fol. by in).

**—Idiom**

- hope against hope, to continue to hope, although the outlook does not warrant it: We are hoping against hope for a change in her condition.

**H.O.P.E.!**

- **Healthy outlook**
  - **Optimistic opportunities**
  - **Positive confessions**
  - **Expectation**
- **Having a healthy outlook - keeping optimistic with opportunities (bad or good) presented to me, exercising positive confessions while maintaining expectation of my faith.**

**H.O.P.E. – Healthy Outlook**

**1 Peter 1:3-4 (The Message)**

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### **Your future starts today!**

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#### **Psalm 119:81 (Contemporary English Version)**

81 I long for you to rescue me! Your word is my only hope.

### **Conclusion**

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