



ABOUNDING IN HOPE

"FEASTING ON SEVEN HOPES OF THE HEAVEN BOUND SAINT" By Tim Bryant
(This is part of a five-session audio training series that can be accessed at lcbcc.org. This series also has an accompanying student manual full of biblical, practical assignments to help you in life and ministry.)

Romans 15:13 "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

A. Hope is a confident expectation of future _____

1. Hebrews 6:19 – "an anchor of the soul"
2. 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – "not grieve as do the rest"
3. 1 Timothy 4:10 – "for this we labor and strive"
4. 2 Corinthians 3:12 – "we are very bold"
5. 1 Thes 1:3 "hope produces perseverance"
6. 1 John 3:2-3 – "everyone who has this hope purifies himself"

B. Faith, hope and love are essential and _____ in the Christian Life

- 1 Cor 13:13 "But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love."
- Other passages: 1 Thes 1:3 Col 1:4-5; 2 Thes 1:3; 1 Tim 1:14; Eph 1:15; 2 Pet 2:5-7; Gal 5:6

1. Faith is the soul's greatest _____

- Faith believes in the _____, promises, and principles of God in the Word (Heb 11:6)

2. Faith motivates Hope

- Hope believes in God's _____ and God's _____ (Heb 11:1)

3. Faith motivates Love

- Love believes that God's principles are expressions of God's Infinite _____ and _____ (Rom 12:1-2)

4. Hope's essential role in Christian faith & love– Col 1:4-5

C. How to Abound in Hope

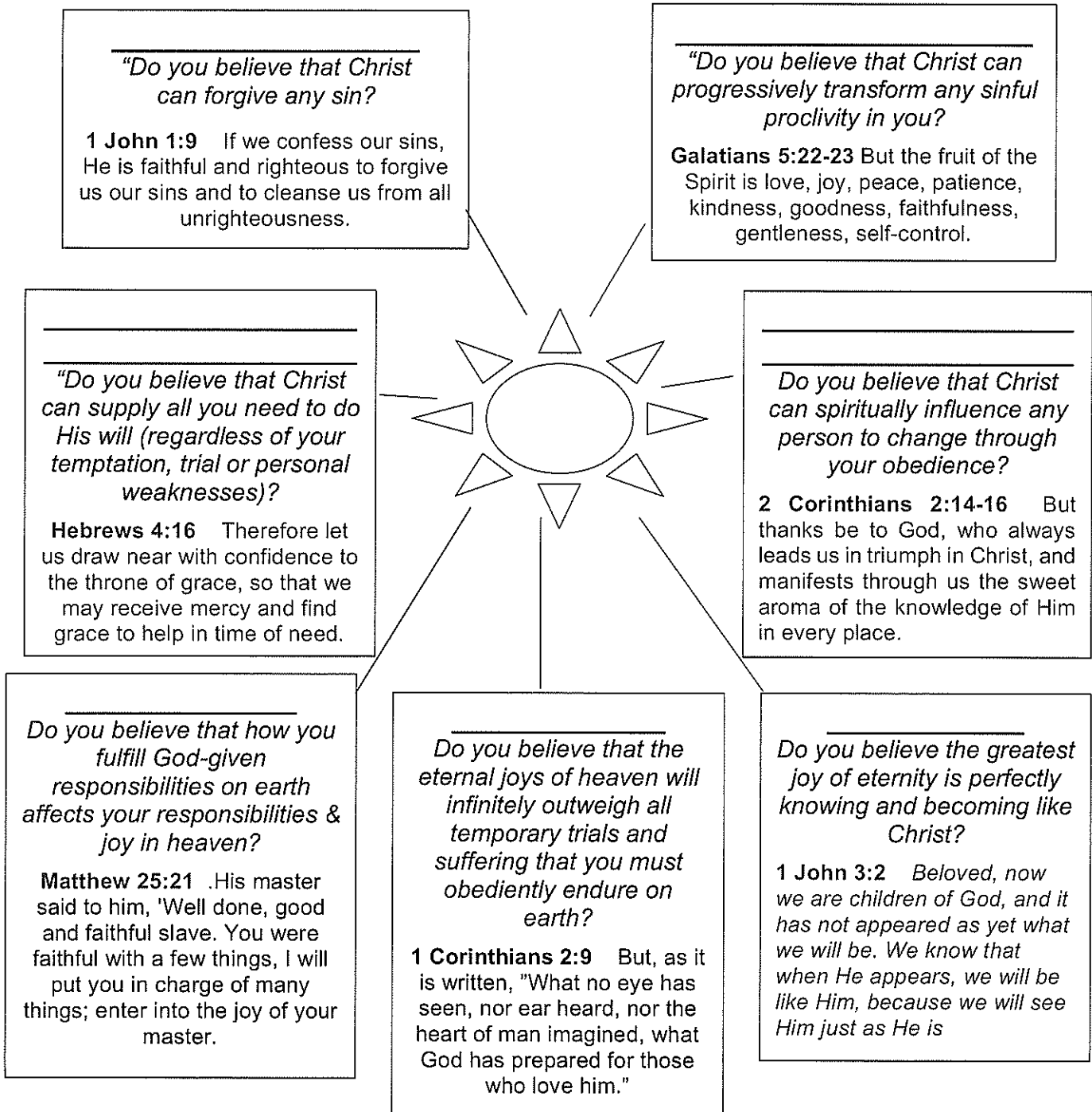
1. What is abounding in hope ? Rom 15:13

- Often the change we most need is what we most _____ for.
- The apostle Paul abounded in hope because his primary hope was based on the divine goal & law of all things - Phil 1:19-21

2. **We must meditate accurately and often on the promises of God** (most relevant-to-our challenge)

- The fuel and fire of abounding hope is....
- Why biblical meditation? Rom 10:17; 1 Tim 2:7
- What specifically to meditate on?

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3. **We must meditate accurately and often on the aspects of God's faithfulness, sovereignty and goodness** (we are most deficient in)

a. Verses on God's sovereignty to use

- If this is true about the God who made you the promise, then what does this mean about the certainty of that promise? Journal this in prayer form.
- Use this with Practical Biblical Meditation

b. Verses on his goodness to use

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APPLICATION:

What do you want?

- What are your three top earthly desires?
- What are your three top spiritual desires?
- Which does your heart hope (i.e. look forward to) _____?
- Your heart will go where your _____ has already been resulting in either much hope-deferred in your life or much abounding in hope

Homework or "Hope-work"