

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.	I John 3:2-3 – "everyone who has this hope purifies himself"
В.	Fai	ith, 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.	Но	ow 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-toour challenge)
 - The fuel and fire of abounding hope is....
 - Why biblical meditation? Rom 10:17; 1 Tim 2:7
 - What specifically to meditate on?

ABOUNDING IN HOPE STUDY – SEVEN HOPES OF HEAVEN-BOUND SAINT

"Do you believe that Christ can forgive any sin?

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

"Do you believe that Christ can progressively transform any sinful proclivity in you?

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

"Do you believe that Christ can supply all you need to do His will (regardless of your temptation, trial or personal weaknesses)?

Hebrews 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Do you believe that Christ can spiritually influence any person to change through your obedience?

2 Corinthians 2:14-16 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.

Do you believe that how you fulfill God-given responsibilities on earth affects your responsibilities & joy in heaven?

Matthew 25:21 .His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.

Do you believe that the eternal joys of heaven will infinitely outweigh all temporary trials and suffering that you must obediently endure on earth?

1 Corinthians 2:9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him."

Do you believe the greatest joy of eternity is perfectly knowing and becoming like Christ?

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is

sovereignty and goodness (we are most deficient in)
a. Verses on 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 you 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"