

Can You See Hope & The Cross
Matthew 27:20-24
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Thesis: I want to show how we can see hope & the cross

Intro:

1. The cross is a place that provides hope for all mankind

I. The hope of the Cross

A. An instrument of death that became a symbol of salvation.

1. The purpose of the cross was for people to suffer and die.

a. Notice the reaction of Pilate.

i. **Matthew 27:20-24**

B. Through His death on the cross God changed the destiny of all who would obey.

1. **Philippians 2:8-12**

II. Our Hope rests in Him Who Died on the Cross

A. The cross of Christ is means salvation

1. **1 Corinthians 1:18**

B. Our hope rests in Him not in the world

1. **Ecclesiastes 1:13-14**

2. **Ecclesiastes 1:16,17b**

3. **Ecclesiastes 2:1**

IV. If you want to have the same Hope as the faithful but have not obeyed...

A. You must put on Christ. (**Gal 3:26-27**)

1. To put on Christ is to obey His commands, to believe, repent, confess, and to be baptized in to His Body and to receive forgiveness of sins.

2. Then, you must remain faithful to His word. This should seem reasonable consider the sacrifice His Son made for us and the reward that awaits those who are faithful.

B. If you are in Christ...

1. You will not have part in the blessings God desires for you. If your not a follower of Him you will not be blessed (**Eph 1:3**)

2. God has desired since the beginning of time (**Eph 1:4**) that we be faithful so that we can receive eternal life and forgiveness of our sins.

3. God has told us from His Word that if we are to be Holy and pleasing in His sight we must be sons and daughters of Him (**Eph 1:5-6**)

Concl:

1. Take a lesson from the prodigal son

a. **Luke 15:11-24**

2. It's time to come home

3. We serve an awesome God who is our Heavenly Father and He wants you to come home.

4. Are you ready to come home through obedience?