

Reasons for our Hope
Heb 13:5-6
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Thesis: I want to show some of the reasons for our Hope in God.

- Intro:
1. If we aren't careful sometimes we can forget who gave us hope.
 2. Though many events take place in life there is only one of eternal consequence.
 3. Let us (Christians) never forget why we have the hope that we do.

I. Blessings in the Journey of Life

A. ...for I am with you (**Gen 26:24, Matt 28:20b**)

1. Sometimes we can fool ourselves into thinking we are alone. That God some how is far from us (**Deut 30:14**).
2. God is always here for us, when we doubt we should pray and read His Word, and then our doubt will be removed.

B. A friend in times of trials (**Ex 14:13, Ps 9:9, 1 Cor 10:13**)

1. God unlike some worldly friends (Job's "friends"- **Job 16:2,20, 17:2**), He is always there.
2. God is where we should turn when bad things happen but not only then.

II. Gave us a soul saving opportunity.

A. Sent His Son for us. (**John 3:16**)

1. God loved us and still loves us so much that His Son died on the cross for us.
2. Why so that we might have the chance (should-**Jn 3:16**) to have eternal life.

B. Even before we obeyed the sacrifice was already given. (**Rom 5:8**).

1. How does God demonstrate His love? He does this by giving us the chance at eternal life.
2. He gives us this chance knowing we may not obey and still remain lost.

III. Care in this life and the life to come (**Heb 13:5**)

A. The Lord desires for His servants to live a faithful life (**Heb 10:23**)

1. God doesn't want us to fall away. He wants us to remain faithful (**Rev 2:10**)
2. God wants us to not be tossed around by the false ideas of men but to remain firm (**Eph 4:14-15, Mt 7:26-27**)

B. God has prepared a place for the obedient (**Ps 123:2, Jn 14:2-3, 2 Thess 3:3**)

1. If God has prepared a place for the faithful, as He has promised, doesn't that indicate that He wants us to be with Him, forever!?
2. Since God wants us to live with Him forever and free from any harm, shouldn't that inspire us to do what is necessary so that we can be with Him?

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 not 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**)

- Conc:
1. If you desire to have the same hope that Christians do, you know what you must do.
 2. If you are a Christian and have sin in your life, there is no better time than now to make yourself right with God.
 3. Invitation