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Saturday, December 19, 2020
1 Peter 3:13-15; Romans 8:18-21, 24,
Romans 8:31, 35, 37-29; Psalms 33:22

Part 3 – Hope

Prayer

¹³ If you are trying hard to do good, no one can really hurt you. ¹⁴ But even if you suffer for doing right, you are blessed. “Don’t be afraid of what they fear; do not dread those things.”

1 Peter 3:13–14

¹⁵ But respect Christ as the holy Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to answer everyone who asks you to explain about the hope you have, 1 Peter 3:15

Set apart Christ as Lord. Understand what your hope leans on.

What you believe is going to determine what you do.

In uncertain times we find out the stability of what we have placed our hope on.

Hope: is a person or thing in which my expectations are centered.

You probably don’t remember doing this.

We don’t think about hope until the thing we have rested our hope on begins to disintegrate.

We feel hopeless, helpless, powerless.

The only way to maintain hope in a broken world is to place our hope on God.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Romans 8:18–19

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, Romans 8:20

Sin causes everything to fall apart. Sin isn’t what you do it’s what you have.

Sin is a fatal disease.

²¹ in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. Romans 8:21

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? Romans 8:24

Missionary to Hawaii: Damien of Molokai

Do not lean your hope on anything of this world. It doesn't last.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Romans 8:35

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, Romans 8:37-38

³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:39

We have been invited to lean our hope against God's love for us.

²² May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you. Psalm 33:22

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