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SUNDAY SERMON

Topic: THE LORD GOD OF BEGINNING IS THE GOD OF HOPE

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Romans 15:13

[13]"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".

Hope is a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen.

Our hearts and lives are filled with joy and peace when we; believe God for our hope.

Doubt has no place in hope. In fact it kills hope.

But when you and I believe that God is able to do exceedingly, far above all we could ever think, imagine, or even hope for, our hearts are then filled with joy—and with that comes great peace.

God is a God of Hope. His thoughts toward His children are of good and not of evil, to give us an expected end.

His plans are not of failure, hopelessness, or destruction. No! Don't let your hope die.

All we need to do is believe!

I have my own doubts. But every time those doubts come up, the Holy Spirit fills my heart with so much hope, joy, peace, and assurance of what only God can do.

God wants us to abound in hope.

He wants us to believe Him.

He is not happy that life has made you doubt Him and what He can do.

Your hope, my hope, is in Christ.

We just need to believe.

The more we believe, the more we are filled with joy and peace.

Yes, I know that there are moments when the stark reality of what we are going through knocks the wind out of us.

The things happening in our world today are more than enough to cripple the hope of the bravest souls.

But I have good news for you! Our God is more real than our reality. Scripture tells us that the expectations of the righteous shall not be cut short. The God of hope will not allow our hope to be cut short.

So what should we do in the meantime? What should our response be as we hope and wait for the fulfilment of our hopes?

Your hope is in Christ. Your hope is in the finished work of Christ on the cross.

Romans 8:32

[32]"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things"?



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SOME BENEFITS OF HOPING IN GOD.

1. Hope give you supernatural Joy.

Roman 12:12

12. Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times.

Habakkuk. 3: 17-19

17. Even though the fig tree has no fruit and no grapes grow on the vines, even though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no corn, even though the sheep all die and the cattle stalls are empty,

18. I will still be joyful and glad because the Lord is my saviour.

19. He was then almost hundred years old; but his faith did not weaken when he thought of his body, which was already practically dead, or of the Sarah could not have children.

2. Hope in God empowers you to take Appropriate steps.

Roman 4:18-20

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18. Abraham believed and hoped, even when there was no reason for hoping, and so became "the father of many nations". Just as the scripture says, " You descendants will be as many as the stars."

19. He was then almost hundred years old; but his faith did not weaken when he thought of his body, which was already practically dead, or of the Sarah could not have children.

20. His faith did not leave him, and he did not doubt God's promise; his faith filled him with power, and he gave praise to God.

3. Hope in God gives you Freedom from depression (Depression is a thief of the Future)

When you have hope in God you will be free from depression because God promises you a better place after you leave this world and so even if you experience trying moments in the world, you won't loose hope because you belief in God.

Most cases of people who have committed suicide in life was because they didn't hope to face their and they didn't believe that whatever the problem was could be solved.

But when you belief in God even though you find yourself in a very difficult situation he make you belief that it can be solved and it will be solved.

Whatever your prblm may be it will be solved

Beloved, I pray for you that the Holy Spirit will fill your hearts with joy and peace as you believe God today and always. May our hope not be cut short.

In Jesus' name, amen.