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**HOPE SERIES (2)**

**HOPE BECAUSE OF THE CROSS**

**Message Notes**

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

We all hope in something.

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But what type of hope do we anchor ourselves to?

1 Pe 1:3 "Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Hope is alive because of the cross!

What did Jesus do on the cross for us?

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1 Pe 2:24 "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live to righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."

Heb 9:24-26 "For Christ did not enter a man made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself."

## **We have hope in the cross because Jesus...**

### **1. Justifies us – Rom 5:5, 8-9**

"Hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us. God demonstrates His love for us in this; while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!"

### **2. Redeems us – Eph 1:7-8**

In him we have redemption, through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

### **3. Sanctifies us – Heb 13:10-12**

The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood."

### **4. Frees us from our sins – Rev 1:5**

...To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

### **5. Brings us closer to God – Eph 2:13**

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

### **6. Cleanses our conscience – Heb 9:13-14**

The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.

How much more then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God.

### **7. Inspires our confidence to approach God – Heb 10:19-23**

Therefore brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Hope is alive because of the cross!

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