

The Power of Hope

I John 2:28-3:3

Introduction:

1. Confident Hope comes by _____ 28

John 15:5 *"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

A. _____ will have Confidence

B. _____ will Shrink away in Shame

Matthew 7:21 *Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Jesus will say to many who did many things in his name, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'*

Matthew 22:12 *Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said... 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.*

2. Confident Hope is realized as you live _____ 29

2 Corinthians 3:18 *we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory...*

I John 3:9 *No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

2 Peter 1:4 *For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.*

3. Confident Hope Grows Strong with God's _____ 1

4. Confident Hope is Confirmed as you grow in more like _____ 2

1 Corinthians 2:9 *No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him*

2 Corinthians 5:8 *... to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.*

Philippians 1:23 *I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better*

Revelation 22:4 *they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads*

5. Confident hope results in _____ 3

Conclusion:

Hope grows as you...

1. Focus on God's _____

2. _____ for Christ's coming

Luke 18:8b *when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?*

3. Recall God's _____ for you

4. Reflect on what's _____