



DID YOU KNOW THAT GOD WANTS US FILLED WITH HOPE?

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures MIGHT HAVE HOPE." [Rom 15:4]

BE FILLED WITH HOPE:

HOPE is not a word that is taught much in many Christian circles. Sermons about faith, love, joy, peace and other subjects abound - But one doesn't find much on the word HOPE. As a matter of fact, many even consider that if one is 'hoping' for a miracle than they are not in faith. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

SCRIPTURE INSTRUCTS US TO HAVE HOPE:

Contrary to what many believe, God has told us to HAVE 'Hope'. After all, the God we serve is a GOD OF HOPE!

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." [Rom 15:13]

If HOPE were such a bad thing that somehow is contrary to 'faith' - then why would our God call Himself the "GOD OF HOPE" ~ And why would He tell us to "ABOUND IN HOPE"?

UNDERSTANDING BIBLE HOPE:

It is important for us as Christians to understand the difference between what the WORLD calls 'hope' - And what BIBLE defines as 'hope'.

When the WORLD speaks of hope, there is no confidence, no assurance, no faith, no belief that what they are 'hoping for' will ever come to pass. They only have what could be described as 'wishful thinking'... As in "I hope I don't get fired" - or "I hope it isn't serious" - or I'm hoping that God will heal me, or meet my needs...etc.

But! When the Bible speaks of HOPE - the actual meaning of the word 'HOPE', taken from the Greek Word [Elpis] means: "Sure, Certain, Confident Expectation".

HALLELUJAH!

Romans 15:4 can then be translated as: "The things that were written aforetime (In the Scriptures), were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures MIGHT HAVE SURE, CERTAIN, CONFIDENT EXPECTATION."

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THE AMPLIFIED BIBLE TRANSLATES ROMANS 15:4 THIS WAY:

"For whatever was thus written in former days was written for our instruction, that by *our steadfast and patient endurance and the encouragement drawn from the Scriptures* we might hold fast to and cherish hope."

Notice that our hope [sure, certain, confident expectation] is drawn from the scriptures: The Word of God. When we are lacking confidence, or wondering if God heard us, or will answer us, all we have to do is go to the scriptures to find peace, comfort, and assurance that He HAS heard and HAS answered and he IS dealing with the situation to our good!

GOD WANTS US FILLED WITH HOPE!

"Now the God of hope **FILL YOU** with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may **ABOUND IN HOPE**, through the power of the Holy Ghost." [Rom 15:13]

Not only does the Lord want us to HAVE hope - He wants us FILLED with Hope - **ABOUNDING** in HOPE. Why? Because **WITHOUT** hope our faith has **NOTHING** to give substance to!

"Now faith is the substance of things **HOPED** for, the evidence of things not seen." [Hebrews 11:1]

If there is no hope - then there is nothing for our faith to give substance to! We **NEED** Hope. **LOTS** of hope! **Abounding** in Hope! And, the more **HOPE** we have - the more there is for our faith to give substance to!

REMEMBER:

The BIBLE meaning of 'hope' is: "Sure, Certain, Confident Expectation".

So the more **HOPE** we have, the more **Sure, Certain, Confident Expectation** we have in God and His Word to manifest His blessing in our life - **Right Here - Right Now!**

BE FILLED WITH HOPE!

Brothers and Sisters go to the Word of God, and as you read the promises of God for us as **NEW Testament Children of the Most High God**, **HOPE** will begin to rise up in you! Suddenly you will begin to **HOPE** for miracles in your life. Suddenly, the **POWER** of the Holy Ghost will seize you on the **INSIDE** and you will begin to **HOPE** for better things:

- A Better Doctor's Report
 - A Better Marriage
 - A Better Job or Better Pay
 - A Better Financial Status
 - A Better Understanding of God's Word
- ... And much more!

My prayer for each of you is that which comes from Romans 15:13: " Now the God of hope **FILL YOU** with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may **ABOUND IN HOPE**, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

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