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# THE WAITING CHRISTIAN, PART 2

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- A. Hope is a mental action that believes a desire can be fulfilled. It has three aspects.
  - i. Hope requires a desired outcome.
  - ii. Valid hope requires a foundation.
  - iii. Real hope is demonstrated by \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ hope is valid because it has all three aspects.
  - i. Biblical hope has a desired outcome.
  - ii. Biblical hope has a foundation.
  - iii. Biblical hope is revealed by faithful living.
- C. Faith reveals your hope by changing your actions.
  - i. Faith requires hope.
  - ii. Faith results in \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. WAITING WITH HOPE AND FAITH

Both faith and hope are essential and inseparable in progressive sanctification.

- A. We hope in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God revealed in the Bible.
  - i. The desired outcome is:
    - 1. *life (John 3:16)*
    - 2. *eternally free from sin (Rom. 8:1-4)*
    - 3. *in fellowship with God (Rev. 21:3)*
    - 4. *in a new heaven and earth (2 Pet. 3:10-13).*
  - ii. The foundation is in \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 1. *The \_\_\_\_\_ of God the Son*
      - a. *He is the revealed glory of God the Father (Heb. 1:2-3).*
      - b. *He became a man to experience the worst parts of humanity (Heb. 2:6-10, 14, 18).*
      - c. *He learned subjection to the Father's will (Heb. 5:7-10).*
      - d. *He rose from the dead (Heb. 2:14).*
      - e. *He is our High Priest before God, greater than all other priests that were before Him (Heb. 5:1-4; 7:11, 20-27).*

f. He will continue to \_\_\_\_\_ for us forever (Heb. 7:25).

Application: When you need to speak to God, come boldly to the throne of grace, confident in your High Priest's work.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God the Father

- a. He is truthful and He cannot lie (Tit. 1:2).
- b. He is \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 100).
- c. He is omniscient (Heb. 4:12-13).
- d. He is working (Jer. 29:11; Rom. 8:28-30).
- e. He is \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 8:38-39).
- f. He is listening (Jer. 33:3).
- g. He is the provider (Psalm 34:8-10).
- h. He is omnipotent (Gen. 1:1).
- i. He is omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-12).

Application: There is no cause for doubt when the God you trust is infinitely great.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God the Holy Spirit

- a. He comforts us (John 14:26).
- b. He convicts of sin (John 16:8-11).
- c. He teaches us (John 16:12-15).

iii. Faithful living is a \_\_\_\_\_ of our hope in the promises of God.

Application: Hope in God!

B. Faith demonstrates our hope in God through concrete actions.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrates:

1. Hope in God's promise of salvation.
2. Faith by placing reliance completely on Jesus for eternal life.

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrates:

1. Hope in God's promise of a better future.
2. Faith by good works (Jam. 2:14-26).
  - a. We sow good seeds with good works (Gal. 5:16-25).
  - b. Eventually, we will see the harvest of \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal. 6:7-9).

### 3. SUMMARY:

- A. Faith and hope are inseparable in salvation.
- B. Without hope and faith, a person will not continually grow to be more like Christ.
- C. Faith and hope are necessary until "faith becomes sight."

#### 4. PRINCIPLES FOR WAITING:

- A. A Christian waits first and foremost for glorification not an earthly benefit.
- B. A Christian must demonstrate his hope by living faithfully.