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Memorial Service **tentatively**  
Sat, Sept 14,  
Lisbon Falls Baptist Church

Memory Verse:

## 2 Peter 1.4

○ *Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

○ 2 Peter 1.4, NIV

# God's Promises – Lesson 8 - The Power of **HOPE**

- A little review:
- **The promise of a Savior, and the ultimate victory – eternity with Jesus!**
- **Never alone, always loved**
- **God fights for you!**
- **Your (Abba) Father loves you!**
- **Praise & Prayer**

## Faith & HOPE

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11.1, NIV

Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. NASB

○ What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.

○ The Living Bible

## Romans 5, NIV

- Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

- <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope.

- ***<sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame (or disappoint), because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.***



## 2 Corinthians 1, NIV

- <sup>8</sup> We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself.

**o<sup>9</sup> Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. <sup>10</sup> He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again.**

- **On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, <sup>11</sup> as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.**

On what – or whom – is your hope?

○ *On him – JESUS - we have set our hope*

○ 2 Cor 1.10

- Mote's original title was
- "*The Immutable Basis for a Sinner's Hope*"

# HOPE in Jesus

- In whom or what lies your hope?
- In other people . .
- You will be disappointed
- In success?
- It is short lived

- **In pleasure? Happiness?**
- **Again, short lived**
- **In things?**
- **The law of entropy is still a law**

○ My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and  
righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest  
frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

○ *Refrain:*  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

○ Edward Mote, ca. 1834



## Benediction:

- <sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Romans 15, NASB