

Morning Lesson

FIVE PICTURES OF HOPE

1 Pet. 1:3, 13, 20, 21

INTRO:

1. The bible gives us five pictures of hope.

I. HOPE IS A LIGHT.

A. It helps us see through the darkness of sin.

Psalm 132:17; Ex. 27:20, 21; 2 Sam. 22:29;

Psalm 119:105

B. His word provides guidance. **2 Tim. 3:16, 17**

C. Hope shines a light into our dark and painful days.

II. HOPE IS A NAIL.

A. It helps hold things together when the world is falling apart.

Ezra 9:8

B. We keep going with hope, knowing that tomorrow will be better: if not in this life, then certainly in the next.

III. HOPE IS A DOOR.

A. It provides a way out of despair. **Hos. 2:15.**

B. Hope is based on a moral certainty because it is rooted in the character of God. **1 Cor. 1:9; 1 Cor. 10:13**

C. That door out will one day be closed, but today it stands open. **Matt. 25:10**

IV. HOPE IS A HELMET.

A. A helmet protects our heads. **1 Sam. 17:5,38**

B. The gospel and the hope it brings is the helmet of salvation. **Eph. 6:17**

C. A helmet protects us in the area of our greatest vulnerability, our mind and thoughts.

V. HOPE IS AN ANCHOR.

A. It can hold us in place during the storms of life.

Heb.6:19; Col. 1:23

B. "The cable of faith casts out the anchor of hope and lays hold of the steadfast rock of God's promises."

C. Socrates said, "To ground hope on a false assumption is like trusting a weak anchor." **Heb. 6:13, 17**

CONC:

1. Faith must always be strengthened and maintained.

2. To lose faith is to lose hope. **Heb. 3:12; Eph. 2:12**