

Kingdom Expectations – Part 3:
What's Hope Got to Do With It? – Col.1:3-5; Rom.8:18-26

0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 Triad = group of three
- 0.2 The “Pauline triad” - I Cor.13:13; Col.1:3-5; Rom.5:1-11; I Thess.5:8
- 0.3 “Now abide faith, hope, love – these three...greatest of these is love” (I Cor.13:13), and “justified by faith” (Rom.5:1): hallmark of believer (Jn.13:35) + means of life. So, what's hope got to do with it?

1.0 Life in Suspension

- 1.1 Between two epochs (Heb.1:1-2)
- 1.2 Between two kingdoms (per Augustine)
- 1.3 Between what we have and what we will inherit (Col.1:5) = contentment vs. yearning
- 1.4 By definition: one hopes for what is not yet possessed (Rom.8:24; Heb.11:1)

2.0 Life Needs Hope

- 2.1 Motivated by what one *really* desires (Rom.4:18) – but don't yet have
- 2.2 Best when grounded on God's character & promises (Job 13:15; Ps.39:7; I Tim.4:10), and his benevolent intentions (Jer.29:11; Rom.8:28)
- 2.3 Anticipates great resurrection (Ac.23:6) → eternity unleashed (Col.1:27; Titus 3:7)
- 2.4 Embodied in Jesus (Col.1:23,27)

3.0 Sharing Hope

- 3.1 Are you generally a hopeful person?
- 3.2 Churches easily turn inward (D. McNair) while kingdom stretches outward
- 3.3 In Christ? Then you *are* salt and light (Matt.5:13-16)

Next week (Oct.11) – Elder Brian Barsottini, guest preaching

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Colossians 1:3-5 (NASB)

³ We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel

Romans 8:18-26 (NASB)

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. ²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he *already* sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Our Victory in Christ

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words;