

**TODAY'S  
SCRIPTURE  
LESSON**

**John  
1:1-9**

**TITLE:  
"Light  
Trumps  
Darkness"**

**RACE, CLASS, & POVERTY**

[#1]...January 15th --> Rv.Dr.MLK;

[#2]...January 22nd --> **Guest**;

[#3]...January 29th --> Series;

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**HOPE vs. DESPAIR**

Hope (lat. spes) is one of the three theological virtues in Christian tradition. Hope being a combination of the desire for something and expectation of receiving it; Like all virtues, it arises from the will, not the passions.

Hope is an optimistic attitude of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes

"So now faith,  
**hope**, and love  
abide, these three;  
but the greatest of  
these is love."

**I Corinthians 13:13**

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

**Hebrews 11:1**

## **HOPE vs. DESPAIR**

To give up (surrender) as beyond hope or expectation; existential angst and anxiety

Soren Kierkegaard - the pain and despair—what meaning can all of this have? There is no meaning unless passion, the emotions and will of humans, has a divine quality...

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have[a] peace with GOD through our LORD JESUS CHRIST,"

**Romans 5:1**

"through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in **hope** of the glory of GOD."

**Romans 5:2**

"And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character, and character, **hope**."

**Romans 5:3-4**

"Now **hope** does not disappoint, because the love of GOD has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

**Romans 5:5**

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

Prophetic  
Scriptures  
&  
Wisdom  
Scriptures

"For I know the plans  
I have for you, declares  
the Lord, plans for  
welfare and not for evil,  
to give you a future and  
a **hope**."

Jeremiah 29:11

**"Hope**  
deferred makes  
the heart sick,  
but a desire fulfilled  
is a tree of life."

Proverbs 13:12

"And now, O Lord, for what  
do I wait? My **hope** is in you.  
Psalms 39:7

But I will **hope** continually  
and will praise you  
yet more and more.

Psalms 71:14

## **NEW TESTAMENT**

Petrine Writings  
Johanine Writings  
&  
Pauline  
Writings

"But in your hearts honor  
Christ the Lord as holy,  
always being prepared to  
make a defense to anyone  
who asks you for a reason for  
the **hope** that is in you; yet do  
it with gentleness and  
respect,"

I Peter 3:15

"For in this **hope** we were  
saved. Now **hope** that is seen  
is not hope.

For who **hopes** for what he  
sees? But if we **hope** for what  
we do not see, we wait for it  
with patience."

Romans 8:24-25

"For there is **hope** for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grow old in the earth, and its stump die in the soil, yet at the **scent of water** it will bud and put out branches like a young plant."

**Job 14:7-9**

Rejoice in **hope**,  
be patient in  
tribulation, be  
constant in prayer.

**Romans 12:12**

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have **hope.**"

**Romans 15:4**

May the GOD of **hope**  
fill you with all joy and  
peace in believing, so  
that by the power of the  
HOLY SPIRIT you may  
abound in **hope.**

**Romans 15:13**

**CATHAY**  
**WILLIAMS**  
(aka "**William Cathey**")

"Female  
Buffalo  
Soldier!!!"

**CONCLUSION:**

How will you instill  
and promote hope  
in GOD  
within one person  
this week?