

**TODAY'S
SCRIPTURE
LESSON:
Romans
5:1-5**

**TITLE:
"Hope
Trumps
Despair"**

RACE, CLASS, & POVERTY

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

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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?