

THE WAY OF THE CROSS
(Part III - HOPE)

Natural hope: "I can only hope."

Christian hope: "I can always hope."

None of Us Is Born with Hope - But Each of Us Can Be Born Again with It - 1 Pet 1:3-7

Cross Centered Hope Is a Life Out of Death Experience

- Dead to separation... alive to union/oneness with God - Col 3:5; 1 Tim 1:1
- It is a passion for what is possible because God is with us - Lk 18:27; 1 Cor 6:17; Heb 13:5
 - ...in the Old Testament - "with-ness" - Ps 23:4
 - ...in the New Testament - "with-in-ness" - Col 1:27

Cross Centered Hope Looks Like a Confident Assurance/Holy Boldness - Acts 4:13;
Eph 3:11-12; Phil 1:20

- God will be our supply - 1 Pet 1:13; Phil 4:19; II Cor 9:8; Matt 6:33
- God can do what I cannot - Ro 4:21; Ga 2:20
- God will have the final word - Phil 1:12-14; II Cor 5:10; 1 Cor 5:19

It Results in an Eternal Perspective - Jo 16:33; Ro 5:5

- Whatever I am in, God is in it - Heb 13:5; 1 Jo 4:4; II Tim 4:17
 - ...As a sovereign, loving, redeeming God - Is 45:3-7; 1 Jo 4:8
- If God is in it, He is in it for good - Gen 50:20; Ro 8:28-29; Jer 18:3; Ps 100:5
 - ...It is meaningless suffering that leads to despair - 1 Pet 5:10; II Cor 4:10-12
- The "good": God's revelation of Himself - Jo 17:3; Phil 3:8-11; Heb 11:6
 - ...Sometimes the "good" is for us - Ro 8:29; 1 Pet 5:10
 - ...Sometimes the "good" is for others - 1 Pet 3:15; II Cor 4:4

Cross Centered Hope Is an Act of Defiance...

...a cheerful revolt against fallenness - Eph 5:20; Phil 4:4; Ja 1:2-4