

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

(Pastor Jedic – Jan. 26, 2025)

**TOPIC: Biblical Hope** (Confidence God is in control & has a plan)

**SCRIPTURE: Romans 15:5-7,13**

What if instead of reacting/assuming the worst, we pause & wait on God? (Is.40:31)

Biblical Hope isn't \_\_\_\_\_ thinking, but it's a \_\_\_\_\_ expectation about things that are \_\_\_\_\_ to us but \_\_\_\_\_ to God. (Is.40:28, Mal.2:6, Heb.6:19&13:8, Jn.3:16)

*"While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes is a god who has not surrendered His authority."* (A.W.Tozer)

**Main Point: God's Hope is for \_\_\_\_\_ but the \_\_\_\_\_ depends upon how much we \_\_\_\_\_ Him.**

With God, there's no hopeless situation, only hopeful solutions! (Eph.3:20, Rms.8:28, Gen.50:20)

Hope isn't tied to our situations, but it's found in God who does not change and is powerfully able to do what He says, **"May the God of Hope..." (v.13a)**

- *"Hope is like a star – not to be seen in the sunshine of prosperity, but to be discovered in the night of adversity."* (Charles Spurgeon)
- God's Hope helps us see beyond our situations (2Thess.2:16, Ecc.3, Ps.33:11, Ps.121:1)
- True Hope is found in \_\_\_\_\_ b/c our confidence is in His \_\_\_\_\_ to keep His \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps.145:13b, Heb.6:18&13:8, Deut.7:9)

Abraham needed to be patient \_\_\_\_\_ his situation and \_\_\_\_\_ his struggles as he \_\_\_\_\_ for God to fulfill His \_\_\_\_\_. (Heb.6:15, Gen.12:2&26:4, 2Pt.3:9)

While it is God who provides Hope, Joy & Peace, the filling is proportionate to how much we trust in God, **"... fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him..." (v.13b)**

- *"God is too good to be unkind, and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart."* (Charles Spurgeon) (+ Is.41:10)
- If we feel \_\_\_\_\_ about our \_\_\_\_\_ when did we stop \_\_\_\_\_ God? (Is.26:3, 55:8-9, Prov.3:5-6)
- *"When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer."* (Corrie Ten Boom) (+ Ps.46:10)

God's purpose in filling us is not just for ourselves, but also to join in His work & help others, **"... so that you may overflow with Hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (v.13c)**

- *"Why is it so many Christians are cold? Because they are all the time receiving, never giving out anything."* (D.L. Moody) (+ 2Cor.1:3-4)
- What's \_\_\_\_\_ you will flow \_\_\_\_\_ you; allow God to \_\_\_\_\_ you so His hope flows \_\_\_\_\_ you! (Lk.6:45, Gal.5:22, Jn.15:5, Jms.4:6)