

Growing In Hope
#SermonHope
First Sunday of Advent
Growing During The Holidays Part 3
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Romans 8

Ephesians 2:12-13 Remember that in the past you were without Christ... You had no hope, and you did not know God. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away from God are brought near through the blood of Christ's death. (NCV)

In Christ I Can Always Be Hopeful Because...

1. HIS PARDON ERASES MY GUILT

Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

Hebrews 7:19b ...But now we have a far better hope, for Christ makes us acceptable to God, and now we may draw near to him. (LB)

2. HIS POWER BREAKS MY BAD HABITS

Romans 8:2 For the power of the life-giving Spirit—and this power is mine through Christ Jesus—has freed me from the vicious circle of sin and death. (LB)

Ephesians 3:20 Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. (LB)

3. HIS PURPOSE TRANSFORMS MY PROBLEMS

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (NASB)

Jeremiah 29:11 I know what I am planning for you," says the LORD. "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future. (NCV)

4. HIS PROTECTION RELIEVES MY FEARS

Romans 8:31 So what should we say about this? If God is for us, no one can defeat us. (NCV)

Hebrews 6:18b-19a ...So we who have found safety with him are greatly encouraged to hold firmly to the hope placed before us. ¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for our lives. It is safe and sure... (TEV)

5. HIS PROVISION SUPPLIES MY NEEDS

Romans 8:32 Since God did not spare even his own Son for us but gave him up for us all, won't he also surely give us everything else? (LB)

Philippians 4:19 God will use his wonderful riches in Christ Jesus to give you everything you need. (ICB)

Psalms 84:11c ...The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. (NLT)

6. HIS PROMISE SECURES MY FUTURE

Romans 8:38-39 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NLT)

Jude 1:24 Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. (NLT)

Lamentations 3:21-22 I have hope when I think of this: ²² The Lord's love never ends. His mercies never stop. (ICB)

Colossians 1:27b ...And this is the secret: Christ in your hearts is your only hope of glory. (LB)

1 Peter 3:15 Honor Christ and let him be the Lord of your life. Always be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope. (CEV)