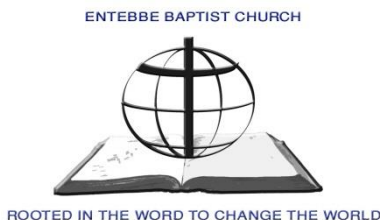


Our Vision: To be a growing, loving, caring and holistic church based on the word of God.



Our Mission: To be rooted in the Word to change the World

Bible Study Week 20-27 June 2021

Theme of the year: "Victory only through Faith and Obedience"

THEME: HOPE *without* DESPAIR

The Bible is God's chart for you to steer by, to keep you from the bottom of the sea, and to show you where the harbor is, and how to reach it without running on rocks or bars-- **Henry Ward Beecher** [Our HOPE should transcend this life into Eternal Life-That HOPE despairs NOT].

PURPOSE: Assurance that there is HOPE through God and His Word.

1. Abraham [Romans 4:18-21]

- a. What was Abraham basing on to have "*hope against all hope*"?
- b. What was God's promise in Genesis 17:2-4?
- c. How can HOPE be defined basing on Romans 4:18-21?
- d. What is the relationship between HOPE and FAITH? see also Hebrews 11:1
 - i. Why do you think HOPE and FAITH are important in our relationship with Christ?
- e. Does hope have a time limit or period? See also Isaiah 55:8-9.
- f. What lesson of hope do we learn from Abraham in verses 18-21? See also Romans 4:3?
- g. Considering Romans 5:3-5, do you think we can have genuine hope in Christ without the Holy Spirit? Kindly make use of other scriptures about the Holy Spirit?

2. Kindly read Romans 15:4

- a. What is the purpose of scriptures if we are to have hope and not despair?

3. Rebekah [Genesis 27:46] Job's wife [Job 2:9] Jonah [Jonah 4:8].

- a. Why do you think in challenging times some of us despair and grow wearily?
- b. What have you done not to grow wearily in this COVID challenging season?
- c. How do these scriptures encourage us not to get wearily in challenging times?
 - i. Psalms 31:24, 33:18, 39:7, 42:11, 71:5, 146:5, Proverbs 14:32, Jeremiah 17:7 and Isaiah 43:1-3.

4. James 1:1-4 encourages us to respond to trials and tribulations with JOY.

- a. What are the benefits of our faith being tested?

5. How do these scriptures address our ETERNAL HOPE-[Acts 24:15, Romans 8:24, Colossians 1:5, Titus 2:13, Hebrews 6:17-19 and I Peter 1:3].

- a. How does eternal hope inspire us to live as Christians? See I John 3:3.

Scripture Memorization:

Job 19:25

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