

The effects of hope

The Three ways Hope extends to others.

Biblical hope is confidence that something will happen. Those who are biblically hopeful can be confident something is happening now.

1. The intended effect of hope is _____ others. 1:22

I am to be characterized and identified by love.

➤ *What do I believe is best for another person?*

[God's characteristic of love] shows that it is part of his nature to give of himself in order to bring about blessing or good for others. ~ Wayne Grudem

➤ *Aspire to love eagerly, genuinely, and consistently.*

2. The effect of hope is contingent on _____ . 1:23-25

The necessity of God's Word implies we cannot naturally love other people the way God wants us to.

➤ The promise of God's Word is like a seed because we can't see the end results, it must be acted upon in faith.

God's eternality and immanence are why God's Word is living and enduring and worth depending on.



➤ *Are you aspiring to love and are you depending on what God is doing to be able to accomplish it?*

3. The ongoing effect of hope is bonded to _____ . 2:1-3

➤ *Regardless of maturity, all Christians need to crave "λογικον" milk impulsively, eagerly, and persistently.*

"λογικον" milk = nourishment aligning with our new life and reality in Christ.

➤ *God in Christ alone both conceives and sustains the life of the new birth. It is the Lord God we are to crave for spiritual nourishment.*

We crave because we have tasted (i.e., deeply internalizing an experience) that God is good.

➤ *The greater the need, the greater the delight and appreciation when it is supplied.*

Loving God & others is incompatible with loving sin.
- Galatians 5:14-15

What has been gotten rid of is not the grosser vices of paganism, but community-destroying vices that are often tolerated by the modern church. ~ Peter Davids

➤ Hope should result in observable love.
Is your hope palpable so others can taste it?

