

1 **HOPE**

Ps Demi (21/7/13)

2 **Hope – a spiritual force**

- ▶ Lamentation 3:19-26
- ▶ An eternal powerful spiritual force 1Cor 13:13
- ▶ Hope is the earnest expectation of good – Ps 27:13-14
- ▶ Always in the future, hope is the 'live-wire' that links us to the future -Job 13:15, Jer 29:11
- ▶ It has very powerful positive effect on our soul (mind, will & emotion) - stability (anchor – Heb:6:19), health (Prov 13:12), strength(joy -Rom 12:12, strength Neh 8:10)

3 **Hope in God, in His word & his love**

- ▶ When our hope is in God, in His word and in his love, it is never false & it never disappoints Ps 42:5, 119:74, 130:5; Rom 5:5
- ▶ God is the God of hope – no God, no hope! Rom15:13; Eph 2:12
- ▶ It is Christ in us that is our hope of glory! Col 1:27
- ▶
- ▶

4 **Hope-less vs Hope-full**

- ▶ God fills our hearts with hope when we give our lives to God – it is called blessed hope! Titus 2:13 & 1John 3:3
- ▶ This blessed hope impacts our lives and influences every area; but needs to be kept alive by meditating on God, his word & love
- ▶ Can be lost by meditating on our adverse situations & not God (Lame 3:19-26) = hopelessness/darkness
- ▶ Hopelessness comes from & is a weapon of the enemy; it is the difference between conviction & condemnation

5 **Hope-less vs Hope-full**

- ▶ We give up once hope is lost eg Paul (Acts 27:20)
- ▶ Hope can be restored/regained – like switching the light on (prisons/hospitals etc) by switching our attention to God, his love & his word
- ▶ Hope is the root spiritual force for faith, patience and endurance – 1Thes 1:3; Rom 12:12; Heb 11:1 and because hope gives birth to faith and patience , it is essential in obtaining the promise -Heb 6:12
- ▶ No hope, no faith, no faith, no power & no change in our circumstances
- ▶ Eg Abraham – Heb 6:13-20 & Rom 4:13-21
- ▶
- ▶