



Scripture: John 1

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Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope...

1 Timothy 1:1

HOPE

...absolute certainty of what the future holds rooted in the unwavering character and unchanging promises of God.

so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
Titus 3:7

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

Big Truth:

Jesus is our only Hope

(1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (4) In him was life, and the life was the light of men. (5) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... (9) The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. (10) He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. (11) He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. (12) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, (13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-5, 9-14

Big Idea #1

There is one true Savior and many false saviors.

There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

John 1:9

If you look and listen carefully, this season will remind you where true hope is to be found. That freshly cut Christmas tree, with beautiful pine aroma, should remind you that you can't put your hope in created things. Like everything in creation, the beauty of that tree will fade. It's inevitable you'll find yourself dragging a dry tree to the curb, leaving a trail of dried out pine needles behind you. People you celebrate with can't be your source of hope either because, if you know them well, you know they are weak and needy just like you. Even holiday joy can't deliver, because we all know that when the season is over, we will all return to the realities of the world we live in.

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Romans 15:13

Big Idea #2

Everyone will either reject Jesus or believe in Him.

(11) He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. (12) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

John 1:11-12

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

John 3:19

(12) Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. (13) But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (14) For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

Hebrews 3:12-14

Big Idea #3

Salvation through Jesus requires new birth.

(12) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, (13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:12-13

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:3

...he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit

Titus 3:5

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(3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, (5) who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:13

(14) But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, (15) but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

1 Peter 3:14-15