

1. On July 26 I taught in part 1Ti 1:1. When time expired we were reviewing the Doctrine of Hope.
2. I want to review some of that learned and then resume our study at point 12.12 on page 4. First, however, you may want to use God's grace provision for fellowship by silently naming your sins to God, as the Holy Spirit may or may not show.
3. So far we have exegeted that portion of verse 1 which in the KJV has been rendered "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ ...," noting it is better translated "**Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, by the command of God the Father, our Savior and Christ Jesus ...**"
4. The entire verse has been translated in the KJV:

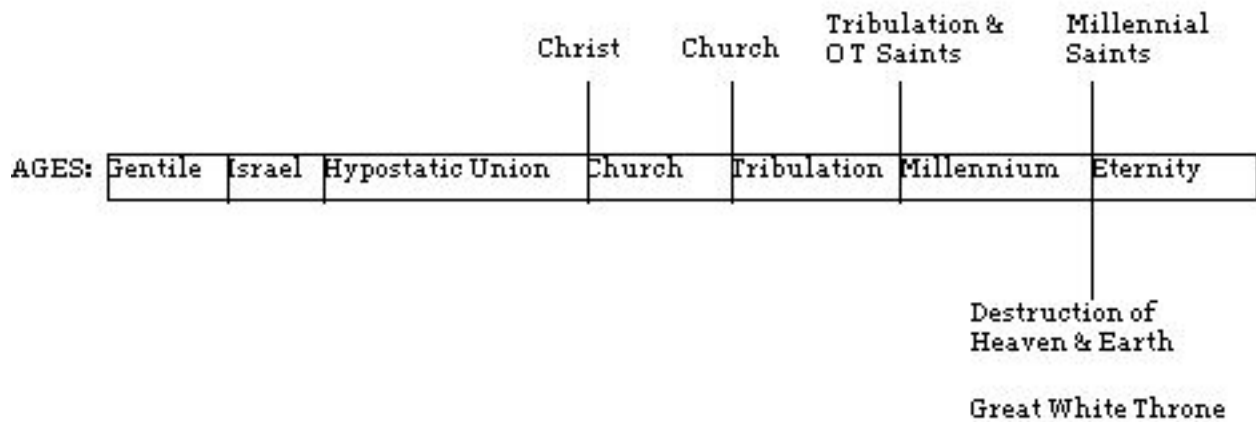
KJV-New Sentence
1Ti 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;
5. The word **Kurios** does not appear in the better manuscripts, although clearly Christ is often called Lord in Scripture.
6. All members of the Trinity are equivalent. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are co-infinite, co-eternal and co-equal. All three members of the Trinity share the same essences. Each is sovereign, righteous, just, love, eternal life, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, immutable and veracious.
7. Now let's return to our study of the phrase "which is our hope."

WHICH IS OUR HOPE Ο ΕΛΠΙΣ ΕΓΩ

1. **Ho Elpis Ego** is better "our hope and anticipation ..." or "the source of our temporal and future deliverance ..." or literally "the hope of us ..."
2. God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope requires more than a little explanation.
3. The expression "of God our Savior" is the antithesis of "Christ Jesus as our hope." The former points chiefly to the past and the latter to the future.
4. In speaking of the saving action of God our Savior, Paul speaks of Christ as He Who lived a perfect life and died the perfect death in order to provide our so great salvation.
5. In speaking of the future as "Christ Jesus our hope," Paul speaks of our potential advance from positional sanctification to temporal sanctification and finally to our ultimate sanctification when we meet the Lord in the air.

6. Jesus is our hope of glory, our expectation of that day when our humiliation will be conformed to the body of His glory; i.e., our ultimate sanctification. Col 1:26-27
7. The mystery doctrines of the Church Age are provided in order that we might know His good, and acceptable and perfect will for our lives. Rom 12:2
8. Pastor-teachers and doctrine are provided in order that we in time can grow in the likeness of Him. Eph 4:14-16
9. Our hope also involves the confident expectation that we shall be like Him at His return when we meet Him in the air. 1Th 4:16-17, Phi 3:20 and 1Jo 3:2
10. Paul, by saying he is writing "by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope," speaks firstly of an act of Christ Who saved us by His life and death.
11. Secondly, He made possible an opportunity to become like Him in time, but only a glimmer of the likeness until the Rapture when He changes us in the twinkling of an eye. 1Co 15:51-52

ORDER OF THE RESURRECTIONS



12. Let's return to our review of the Doctrine of Hope.

12.1 In A.D. 1606 the word hope meant confidence. When in the KJV we find hope, we should keep in mind its meaning at the time. To do otherwise is to infer stupidity on the part of those early translators.

12.2 For example, in Romans 5:5 we have "And hope maketh not ashamed for the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit."

12.3 Hope at the time of the translation of the KJV was not an indefinite expectation, but a definite and confident expectation of that which would happen.

12.4 So you can see how far afield Christians have wandered in ascribing "well, I hope so" to the very definite Greek **Elpis**.

12.5 Hope as it relates to a believer anticipates the integrity of God. Rom 4:18; Col 1:27; Job 4:6; Psa 71:5; Jer 17:7 and 1Th 1:3.

12.6 Hope has to be based, however, on our adjusting to the justice of God. God will vindicate, redress, avenge and support His Word. Rom 5:2 and Tit 1:1-2.

12.7 Our hope as believers is based on two immutable things--God's righteousness and God's justice. Heb 6:17-20

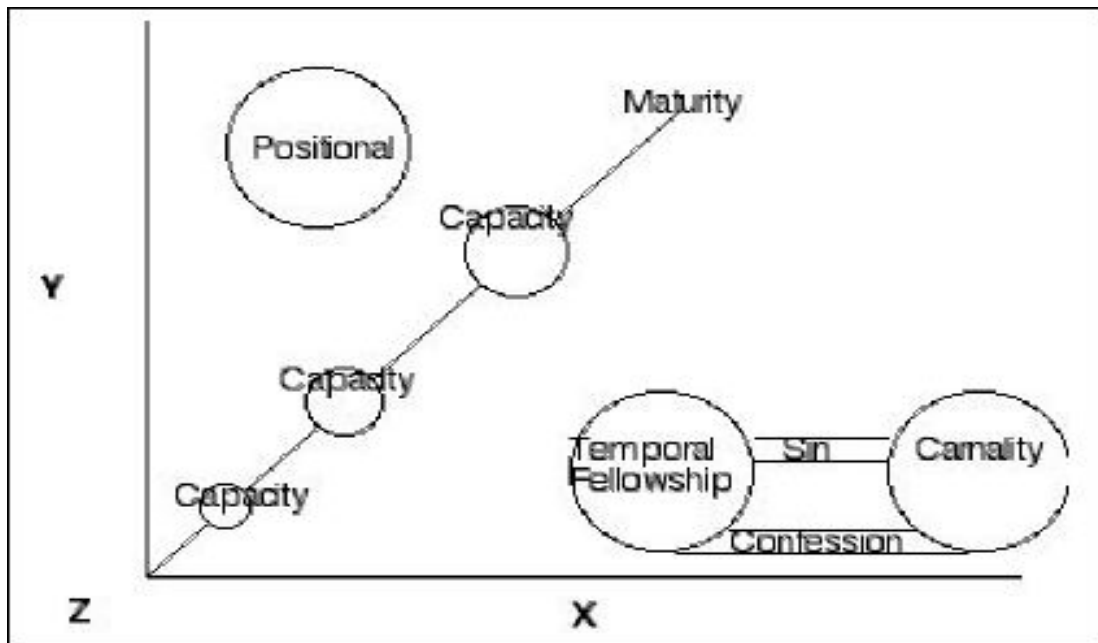
12.8 An oath from the promise of God is based on His integrity. God's integrity is a product of His eternal love.

12.9 The promise itself, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved," should provide encouragement and "hope" so long as we know **Elpis** in the Greek means "that which is expected." It is guaranteed, and in this case the guarantor is God the Father Himself.

12.10 Doctrine in the soul of the believer takes hope out of the realm of maybe and securely places it in the realm of confident expectation.

12.11 Therefore, if His immutable promise saves us, and it does, it follows *a-fortiori* that He can and will do more for us in time since we are family. In fact the Scripture says He dearly wants to bless us in time when we acquire capacity. Isa 30:18

12.12 We are to rejoice and have inner happiness in hope even in times of adversity and pressure. Heb 12:5-11; Rom 12:12



Heb 12:5 And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

Heb 12:6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."

Heb 12:7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?

Heb 12:8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

Heb 12:9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!

Heb 12:10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.

Heb 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Rom 12:12 Be joyful in "**hope**", patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

12.13 By means of the Old Testament Scriptures we have from God Himself many guarantees. These OT guarantees are the product of God's integrity. Our faith, like the saints of old, must be based on what we do not see for we are commanded to walk by faith and not by sight. Rom 5:4; 15:12 and Heb 11:1-2.

Rom 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have "**hope**".

Rom 15:12 And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, One who will rule over the nations and they will "**hope**" in him."

Rom 15:13 May the God of "**hope**" fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you overflow in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we **hope** for and certain of what we do not see.

Heb 11:2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

12.14 As we experience dying grace we should have confidence in the guarantee of everlasting life with God.

Phi 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and my **hope**, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

Phi 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

13. The Mosaic law as it relates to salvation accomplishes nothing, for we have a better hope that comes as a direct result of adjusting to God's salvation overtures. Such overtures are a direct result of God's righteousness being satisfied on the cross and thus what His righteousness demands His justice must execute. Heb 7:18-19, 10:1,4 and 5; 2Co 5:7

Heb 7:18 The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless
Heb 7:19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better **hope** is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

Heb 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Heb 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
Heb 10:5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

2Co 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

14. Our hope in time is related to a second adjustment to the justice of God. This might be called "the maturity adjustment to the integrity of God."

1Th 1:3 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by **hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ.

15. We get courage under pressure because we first trust and then get hope. Jer 17:7 and Lam 3:24

Jer 17:7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose **hope** the LORD is.

Lam 3:24 The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore **will I hope** in him.

16. By means of doctrine in our souls we anticipate our future blessings in eternity.

Gal 5:5 For we through the Spirit wait for the **hope** of righteousness, a direct result of our faith.

17. The same is true concerning the hope of His calling and understanding of that calling. It is important we understand it is our calling and not someone else's calling. We all have a unique calling and a personal sense of destiny.

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the **hope** of his calling, and what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love;

Eph 4:3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one **hope** of your calling;

18. Hope also is related to our guarantee as believers of an ecstatic joy in eternity future.

Acts 23:6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the **hope** and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

1Co 15:19 If in this life only we have **hope** in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.
1Co 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

19. Hope is related to the guarantee of the Rapture.

Tit 2:13 Looking for that **blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

20. Hope is related to the guarantee of our being like Christ at the Rapture.

1Jo 3:2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

1Jo 3:3 Everyone who has this **hope** in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

21. Hope is related to the deliverance of a nation from historical disaster.

Ezra 10:2 Then Shecaniah son of Jehiel, one of the descendants of Elam, said to Ezra, "We have been unfaithful to our God by marrying foreign women from the peoples around us. But in spite of this, there is still **hope** for Israel.

22. A nation with an undersized pivot is cause for a loss of hope. This problem will be remedied for Israel at the Second Advent.

Eze 37:11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our **hope** is lost: we are cut off for our parts.
Eze 37:12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

Eze 37:13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

23. Neither the reversionist nor the unbeliever has any hope in time. In the case of the unbeliever he has no hope in time or eternity.

Lam 3:17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgot prosperity.

Lam 3:18 And I said, My strength and my **hope** is perished from the LORD:

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have **no hope**.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Mat 13:42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Mat 13:49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

Mat 13:50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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