

Ultimate Hope
Discover Hope – Part 5
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Romans 8:22 (ESV) For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

Romans 8:23 (ESV) And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

2 Peter 3:10 (ESV) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

2 Peter 3:13 (ESV) But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

1. Believe God's _____

Isaiah 61:1 (ESV) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

1A. Jesus began the _____

Isaiah 61:2-3 (ESV) to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

1B. Jesus will _____ the mission

Isaiah 61:8b-9 (ESV) ... I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

2. _____ for God's intervention

Isaiah 64:1 (ESV) Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—

2A. _____ on God's past works

Isaiah 64:3-4 (ESV) When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

2B. _____ of your sins

Isaiah 64:6 (ESV) We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Isaiah 64:9 (ESV) Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

3. Look forward to _____

Isaiah 65:17 (ESV) "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

3A. _____ in the new creation

Isaiah 65:18-19 (ESV) But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

3B. Hope in God's _____

Isaiah 65:25 (ESV) The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. How would you explain to someone why there is evil, suffering, sin and death in our world (Romans 5:12)?

In what ways do creation and believers groan according to Romans 8:22-23?

What will happen at Christ's return on the day of the Lord (2 Peter 3:10)?

On what promise does our ultimate hope rest (2 Peter 3:13)?

1A. How does the Spirit address the brokenness of people in our world (Isaiah 61:1)?

1B. Why did Jesus quote Isaiah 61:1-2 in Luke 4:18-21?

1C. When will Jesus' mission be completed (Isaiah 61:8b-9)?

1D. How would you explain the Already/Not Yet aspects of Jesus' mission?

2A. Why must we pray for God's intervention in our world (Isaiah 64:1)?

2B. What is the purpose of reflecting on God's past works (Isaiah 64:3-4)?

2C. Why is recognition and repenting of sin necessary when we pray for an open heaven (Isaiah 64:6,9)?

2D. What would an open heaven look like (Gospels & Acts)? How would you pray for it?

3A. What will the new heavens and new earth be like (Isaiah 65:17)?

3B. Why will joy replace weeping in the new creation (Isaiah 65:18-19, Revelation 21:4)?

3C. What do the images in Isaiah 65:25 tell us about the new creation?

3D. In what ways are the new heavens and new earth similar to the garden of Eden? In what ways are they different?

3E. How can the ultimate hope of an eternal new heavens and earth give you hope today in any difficult situation you may face?