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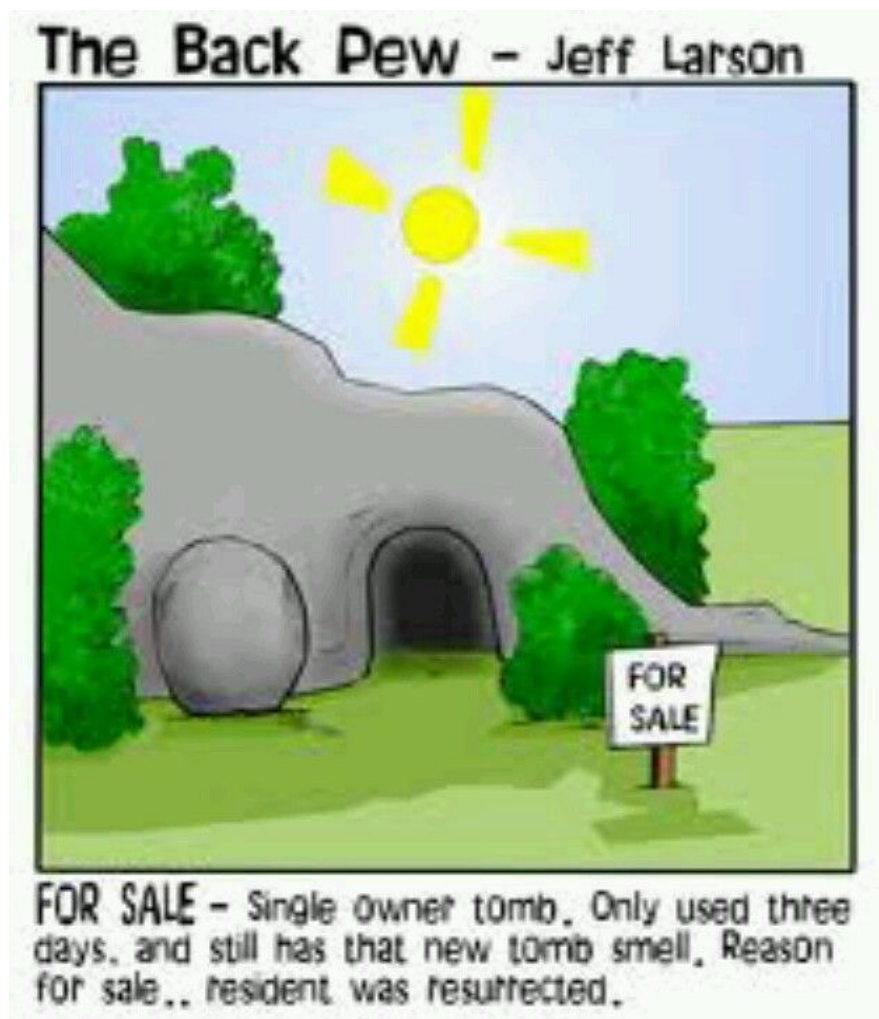
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Scripture Memory Challenge

Luke 24:6-7 (ESV)

He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.



OUR PRAYER REQUESTS



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Finding Hope

8 Ways Christ's Resurrection Gives Us Hope for Today

Hope. What a powerful little four-letter word. It is a word we use every day, sometimes to refer to our inclinations about trivial matters and other times to display our fervent and desperate desire for a particular outcome. We hope our sports team will do well this year, or it might be more accurate to say we hope that our sports team will play this year. We also hope that the medical tests come back clear and good. While part of our daily vocabulary, hope seems to be less seldom applied in its biblical use. Hope, in our typical conversation, expresses a wish or desire that does not have any certainty.

Biblically speaking, hope is something that is also tangible. It is based on a certain reality that is being expected and anticipated. In these days in which we are living, hope is something that is desperately needed. Biblical hope is like looking out at vast track of land with a sign on it saying "Coming Soon."

Hope is a certainty that, though whatever it is we are waiting for isn't here yet, we are completely confident in its arrival. The call for the Christian life is for each believer, just as they grow their Christian faith and love, to also grow in our hope.

What do I mean by biblical hope? Biblical hope is the confident assurance we have in God fulfilling every promise He has made, acting according to His revealed character, and living confidently in the revealed truth of God's Word.

Hope, frames the attitudes of our hearts and through that, changes the way we go through trials and difficulties. Hope is what makes us patient and allows us to wait. Hope acts as our prescription set of lenses for the difficulties of life as they allow us to see beyond the here and now and look to a brighter tomorrow. Our hope in God is a glue that fixes our thoughts on the unseen things above. Through these things, hope is what nourishes our hearts by anticipating what Christ has promised in the gospel. Hope is what carries us through the trials and tribulations of this life but also prepares us and allows us to anticipate the next. carries us through trials. Hope prepares us for facing death.

The greatest source of hope in this world is Jesus Christ. Through Him, the Christian is able to find hope in every aspect of this life we live. Through Christ, we see One endured hardship, pain, suffering, and even death and overcame all these things. In Christ we see that God's promises are true, that death is not the end, that heaven is real, that forgiveness of sin is possible, that we can have a personal and real relationship with God.

In short, Christ is how we have and build our hope.

As we have just celebrated Easter I'd like to give some ways that the resurrection of Christ can give us hope and build our hope today.

1) The bodily resurrection reminds us of our union with Christ. The Christian's bodily resurrection directly corresponds to that of Christ's

(20) But Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life. (21) Just as we will die because of Adam, we will be raised to life because of Christ. (22) Adam brought death to all of us, and Christ will bring life to all of us.
1 Corinthians 15:20-22 (CEV)

2) The bodily resurrection is central to the gospel message as it affirms the bodily resurrection, not a "spiritual" resurrection.

(3) For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, (4) that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,
1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (ESV)

3) The bodily resurrection gives hope beyond this life. So, that helps us to understand that our future treasure through Christ is bigger than our bank accounts or life achievements

(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,
1 Peter 1:3-4 (ESV)

4) The bodily resurrection fixes our hope on the future and helps us build a deeper desire for pure, holy lives, pleasing to Christ

(1) See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. (2) Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. (3) And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.
1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)

5) The bodily resurrection builds anticipation for a life that outstrips our imaginations.

(23) I am hard-pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

Philippians 1:23 (ESV)

6) The bodily resurrection affirms an immortal life in God's presence.

(50) What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. (51) But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! (52) It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. (53) For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. (54) Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. (55) O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (56) For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. (57) But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:50–57 (NLT)

7. The bodily resurrection declares the ultimate triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Can we taunt sin and death apart from the bodily resurrection affirmed in Christ?

*Death swallowed by triumphant Life!
Who got the last word, oh, Death?
Oh, Death, who's afraid of you now?
1 Corinthians 15:54b–55 (The Message)*

8. The bodily resurrection affirms that our toil and labor in this life are not in vain.

(58) Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)

Seize the Day for God, not Self

*"But the mountain falls and crumbles away, and the rock is removed from its place; the waters wear away the stones; the torrents wash away the soil of the earth; so you destroy the hope of man."
(Job 14:18-19 ESV)*

In preparing an article from the book of Job I stumbled upon this devotional from Ray Stedman and its message was so good I wanted to share it with you. So what I did was adapt much of what he wrote and threw in a good amount of my own writing. So I hope you enjoy and are challenged by this devotional.

Here we have in Job a vivid expression of what is wrong with our view of life. Job is looking at life as a natural man, and he sees it as the world sees it, that everything is for now.

This philosophy states that this life is *THE* wholly important thing, and the reason you and I were brought into existence is to make something out of this present experience. This philosophy's mantra is "You never get another chance!"

We are reminded of this on television, in movies, and through social media. "You only go around once! If you are going to live, live with gusto!"

This is the cry in which we are constantly exhorted by the world, even though this is a completely distorted understanding of life.

To seize the present moment and that you will never get another one distorts and distracts from the true meaning and purpose of life.

Sadly, this is one of the major reasons people do very foolish and sometimes destructive things. Young people go and sow wild oats as it were only to reap whirlwinds of consequences. Christians who have been married for decades think there is something better out in the world and end up divorcing their spouse to pursue some other thrills in life.

What God is teaching Job in this book is that living for today is not what it is all about. This is not why human existence is given to us.

This life we live is a time of learning and a time of preparation to get ready for the real-life that lies ahead.

Compare Job's view of life with the revelation of the New Testament and the view of New Testament writers as to what lies beyond death, and you see a stark and vivid contrast. They look forward to something so beautiful and grand and glorious they can hardly wait to seize it! But here you get only the idea that everything must be done now.

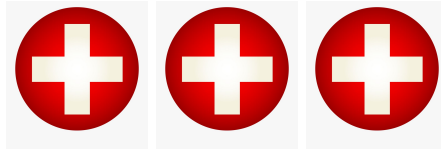
I think this is why we get upset with ourselves and with life at times. We feel life has been put together backward. You have to make all the major decisions at the time when you know practically nothing and when you are so uninformed that you can hardly even see things right. This is what Job is feeling here; there is no way back.

But God doesn't want that for His people. He desires that His people look beyond this temporal world to our eternal home. He wants us to remember that this world does have important things, but the important things in this world aren't the trophies and treasures of this world. They are the things that have eternal value.

Today, are you seduced by the world's philosophy about seizing each moment for our own selfish pleasure? Do you live, being controlled by the pressure to get all you can and do all you can because this life is short?

Would you come before God and ask Him to help you change your perspective and pursuits in this life that you would pursue what is good, Godly, and of eternal value?

Suggestions for Ministry ideas for the ARMC



For Patients:

Puzzle books or Encouragement cards addressed to any patient- they can be dropped off ARMC near the medical mall and they will give to patients. Call me and I can alert my contact when you will be coming.

Encouragement Cards can also be mailed:

Address to:

**Encouragement to any Patient
1240 Huffman Mill Rd.
Burlington, NC 27215**

For Staff - to help with meals:

Contact **Jordan Wood at 336-538-7941** - ask about how to help.

For help with sewing masks:

Contact **Ann.Meletzke@conehealth.com**

Sincerely,

Garry Gates

A 7-DAY CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pray for those who are sick, and their families, that the Lord would heal and comfort them.

PRAY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Pray for those on the frontlines treating those who are sick, that the Lord would protect and strengthen them.



PRAY FOR THE VULNERABLE

Pray for those who are especially vulnerable to disease, that the sickness would pass over them and that they would rely on others for help.

PRAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Pray for those who have lost work, that God would provide through their families and communities.



PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray for national and local government leaders, that they would have wisdom to do what is best for all.

PRAY FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Pray for students who are out of school, and their families, that the Lord would give them patience and discipline.



PRAY FOR CHURCHES

Pray for churches and ministry leaders, that they would know how to best show the love of Christ in this time.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful."

JOHN 14:27

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