

19th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, September 30, 2018
“*Radicalis*: Deepening Your Spiritual Roots ~ Radical Hope”
1 Peter 1:3-12

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Radicalis (Latin) =

“I consider our present sufferings insignificant compared to the glory that will soon be revealed to us... We were saved with this hope in mind. If we hope for something we already see, it's not really hope. But if we hope for what we don't see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.” (Romans 8:18)

Hope is _____ to the Christian life—it not only helps us better understand our trials and challenges, but also gives us the strength to _____.

MISPLACED HOPE

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

If we place our hope in these, we will be terribly _____. True hope can only be found in _____.

“Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone.” (Psalm 33:22)

HOPE IS NOT...

- _____ thinking.
- _____ thinking or _____

Optimism is _____—it's based on the way we _____.
Hope is _____—it's based on _____ about God.
Optimism is trusting in _____ and your own _____.
Hope is trusting in _____ and His abilities.
Optimism can _____ reality. Hope never denies _____.

We are _____ people, and hope in Jesus—in His life, death, resurrection, and return—forms the _____ of our faith—it _____ our soul and gives _____ to our life.

“Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Saviour and my God!” (Psalm 42:11)

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.” (Proverbs 13:12)

The best thing we can do when we're _____ is not give up, run away, or hide under the covers, but to _____ in, step out, and place our hope in God!

5 CHARACTERISTICS OF RADICAL HOPE

#1. Radical hope tells us that God _____ us before we chose Him.
“You were chosen according to the purpose of God the Father and were made a holy people by his Spirit.” (1 Peter 1:2)

Our salvation wasn't an _____. Long _____ we chose God, He chose us.

“We loved Him, because He first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)

“Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 1:3)

Understanding this simple truth can bring great _____ and hope. Nothing that happens in this world can ever change the fact that God has made us His _____ and _____.

“Nothing can separate us from God's love.” (Romans 8:31-39)

Do you see yourself as being chosen by God?

#2. Radical hope tells us that God always treats us with _____.

“All honour to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is by his boundless mercy that God has given us the privilege of being born again.” (1 Peter 1:3)

God's grace is _____ and unmerited. Salvation isn't based on what we _____, but on _____ God is—it's based on His mercy, not on our _____.

“He saved us not because of the righteous things we've done, but because of his mercy.” (Titus 3:5)

“...through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.” (Colossians 1:20)

We have been given the privilege of being _____ again—into a spiritual _____. God promises to take care of us, all we need to do is _____.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11)

How has God shown you mercy and grace?

#3. Radical hope tells us that God has secured our _____.

No matter what happens in our lives, no matter what we might lose, we are not going to lose our _____.

“Now we live with a wonderful expectation because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead. For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for his children. It is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.” (1 Peter 1:3-4)

OUR FUTURE IN CHRIST

- Our future includes an _____.
 - Our future is _____ for us.
 - Our future is _____.
- katharos* =
- Our future is _____.
 - Our future is _____.

Our eternal future is _____. God has already written the final _____ of our lives. This is _____—and we are _____ than we think.

“There is hope for your future, says the Lord.” (Jeremiah 31:17)

How secure are you in your eternal salvation?

#4. Radical hope tells us that God’s power will _____ us.

“And God, in his mighty power, will protect you until you receive this salvation, because you are trusting him.” (1 Peter 1:5)

Protect = *phroureo* =

God is always _____ over us—and although things will come into our lives that _____ us, God promises to _____ us until we receive His gift of salvation. This doesn’t mean we won’t _____, suffer, or get hurt—it means no matter what happens to us, our _____ are firmly in God’s hands

“That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.” (2 Timothy 1:12)

“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life.” (John 6:47)

How confident are you in God’s promise to be with you no matter what?

#5. Radical hope tells us that God is preparing us for _____.

“For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him.” (Philippians 1:29)

In order to share in Christ’s _____, we need to share in His _____—and God uses everything that happens in our lives to _____ us for eternity.

“So be glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though it is necessary for you to endure many trials for a while. These trials are only to test your faith and show that it is strong and pure. Your faith is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold. So if your faith remains strong after being tried by fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honour on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.” (1 Peter 1:6-7)

3 THINGS ABOUT THE TRIALS OF LIFE

- Trials are _____.
- Trials are _____.
- Trials are _____.

3 THINGS GOD IS DOING AMIDST OUR TRIALS

- God is _____ our faith.
- God is _____ our motives.
- God is _____ our reward.

“Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.” (Romans 8:18)

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment.” (Romans 5:3)

Do you view your trials and challenges in light of eternity?

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Given these 5 characteristics, how radical is your hope?

“Always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that is in you.” (1 Peter 3:15)

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings as eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

Are you radicalis? How deep are you spiritual roots?