# PALM SUNDAY Embracing Hope



#### Ephesians 1:15-21 (NLT)

I pray for you constantly, <sup>17</sup> asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. <sup>18</sup> I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.





The biblical definition of *hope* is **"confident expectation."** Hope is **a firm assurance** regarding things that are unclear and unknown.

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#### Romans 8:24-25

<sup>24</sup> For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11.1

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Today's Living Bible

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<sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

New King James Version







HOP [fāth] v. confidence or trust in a person or thing: faith in another's ability [hop] n. to look forward to with confidence or expectation

> [luhv] n. the benevolent affection of God for His creatures, or the reverent affection due from them to God





### **Hebrews 11:1** (NKJV)

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## The Holy Spirit is deposited

in us...

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Romans 5:5 (нсsв) <sup>5</sup> This hope will not disappoint [us], because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 8:24 (NIV) <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? **Romans 15:13 (NIV)** <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 3:2-3 (NKJV) <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

<sup>1</sup> John 3:2-3 (TLB)
<sup>3</sup> And everyone who really believes this, has this hope, and will try to stay pure because Christ is pure.





Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!



THE LAMB FOR AN OFFERING



Praise God in Highest Heaven!

## **How to Become More Hopeful**

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- 1. KNOW the promises of God
- 2. TRUST GOD
- **3. BE Thankful**
- 4. FOCUS on the right things
- 5. KNOW your purpose
- 6. BE around hopeful people
- 7. REFLECT upon what God has done for you

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#### Psalm 42:11

<sup>11</sup> Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. **How to Become More Hopeful** 4. FOCUS on the right things **Philippians 4:8 (NKJV)** <sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.

**How to Become More Hopeful 5. KNOW your purpose** Romans 12:2 (NKJV) <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

**How to Become More Hopeful 5. KNOW your purpose Romans 8:28** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

**How to Become More Hopeful 5. KNOW your purpose** Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

How to Become More Hopeful 6. BE around hopeful people Proverbs 27:17 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. How to Become More Hopeful

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## In HOPE we REFLECT... In HOPE we REMEMBER... In HOPE we RELY...



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