

THE BASICS OF LIFE

Matthew 5:1-16





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1. What we need today is
a heart that is pure and a love that is blind.



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Psalm 24:1

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully.



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James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your*
hearts, *you* double-minded.



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John 14:6

“I am the way, the truth and the life,
no man cometh to God except through me!”

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What do they
mean by...

b) a blind love



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Love

of God



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**2. What we need today is a faith
that is fervently grounded in Christ.**



Ephesians 3:16-19

“That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.”



a) GROUNDED IN
LOVE



a) GROUNDED IN
His Word

John 5:24, 8:31, James 1:22



John 5:24, 8:31

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.



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3. What we need today is a hope that endures.

Matthew 12:18-21



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1 Corinthians 13:7 (NKJV)

⁷bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things.

Colossians 1:23

Hope Endures

a) The hope of the Gospel

“If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister”

Acts 26:6, 1 John 2:25

Hope Endures

b) The hope based upon the promises of God

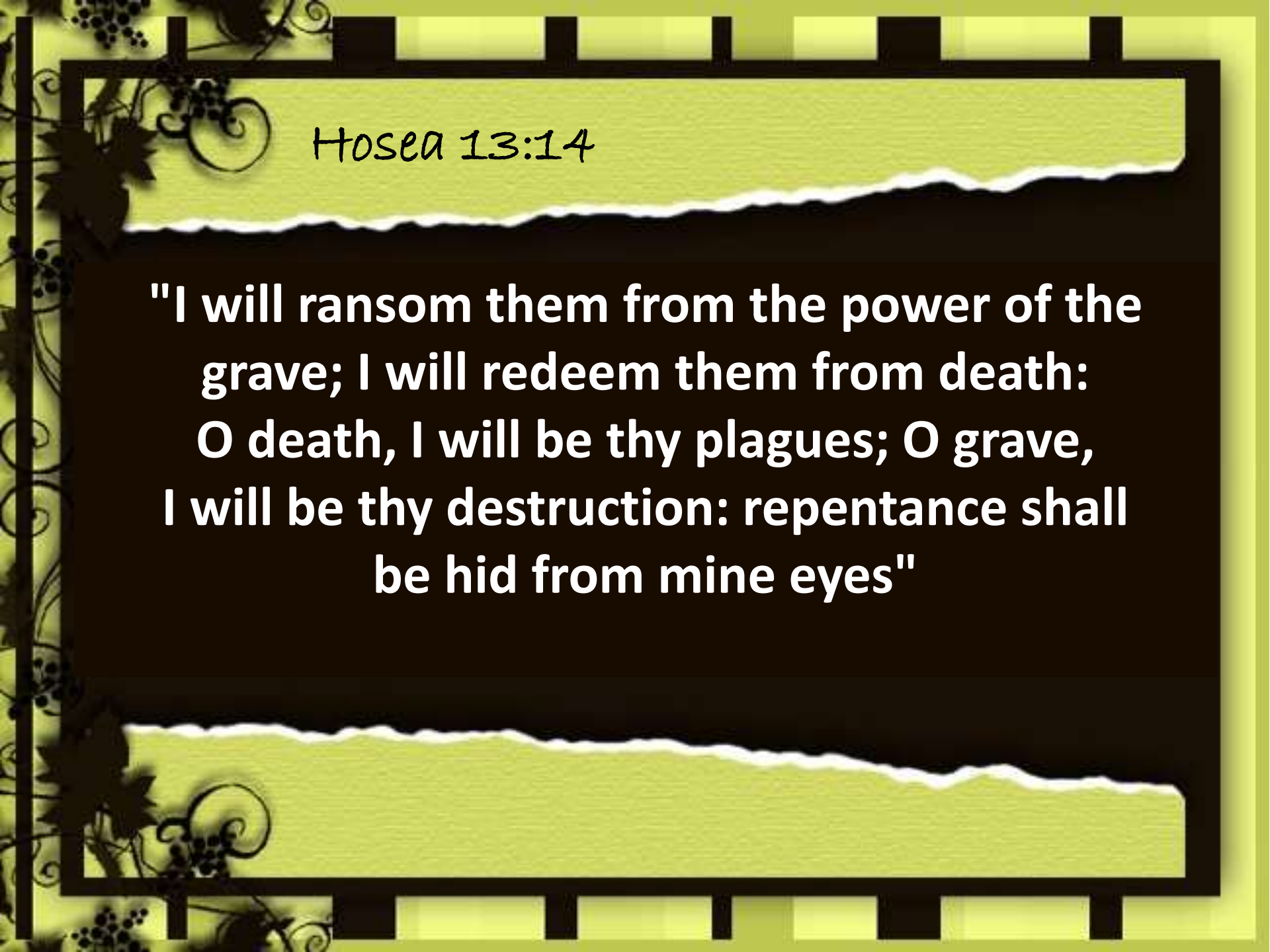
Titus 1

1 Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, **2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,** 3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

Acts 2:26, 23:6, 24:15

Hope Endures

b) The hope of the resurrection.



Hosea 13:14

**"I will ransom them from the power of the
grave; I will redeem them from death:
O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave,
I will be thy destruction: repentance shall
be hid from mine eyes"**

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

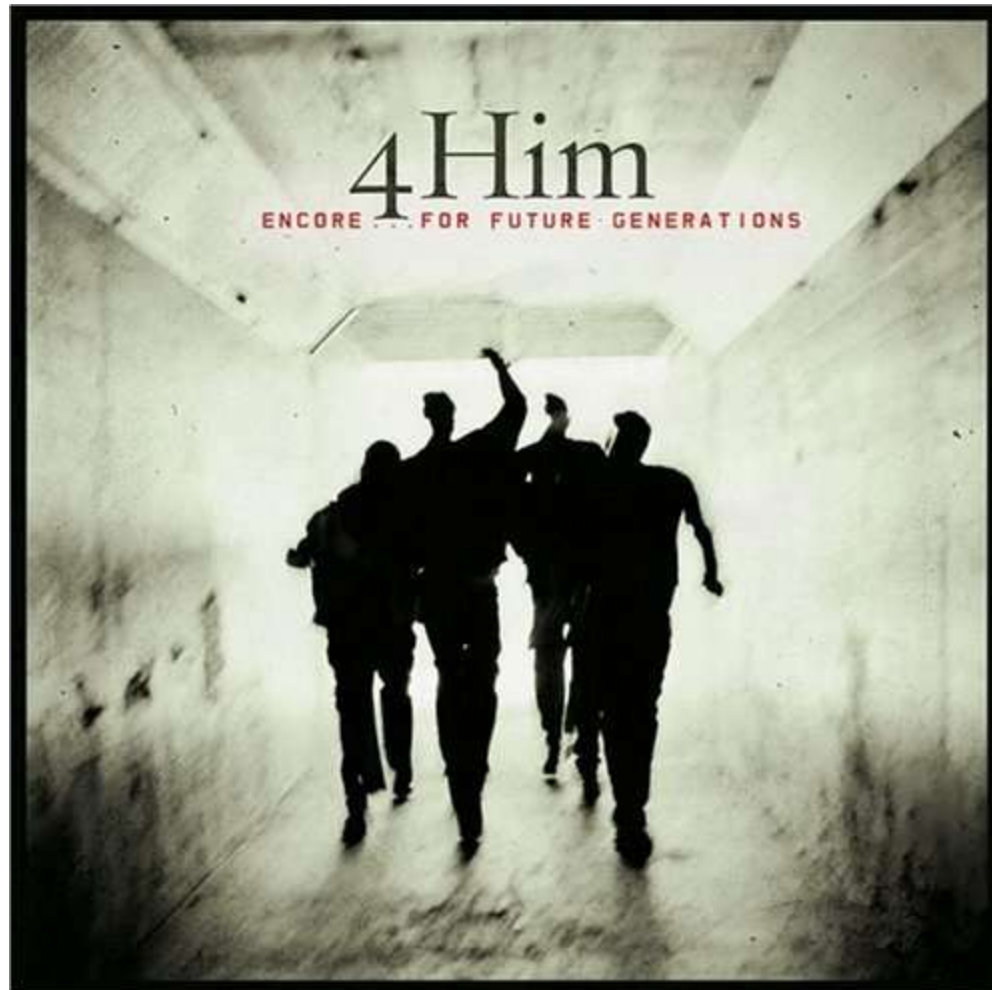
51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Hosea 13:14

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.** 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us **the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.



**A heart that is pure and a love that is blind,
A faith that is fervently grounded in Christ,
A hope that endures!!!**



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