

A HOPE THAT OVERCOMES THE DARKNESS

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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.

hope = confident expectation that goodness is coming

How God produces hope?

1. Believe that God is a God of hope



"When I was 8-years-old, I lost my father to cancer. A week after his burial, I became severely ill...I still remember how my mother, newly widowed, cared for me. She did not discuss with me how I felt. Instinctively she took me into her arms and caressed my back with her gentle hands, reassuring me with words of comfort and love for me. I grew so sick that I was hospitalized. Since we lived in a remote village about 10 miles from the hospital, my mother carried me there on her back, walking powerfully, uphill and down. With tears streaming down her cheek, she said, 'Son, Daddy is not here. But Mommy is still here. Hang in there. We will make it to the hospital soon.'" – Dennis Ngien

2. The God of hope speaks words of promise

Romans 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:9-13

9...as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name." (Psalm 18:49)

10 Again, it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." (Deuteronomy 32:43)

11 And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples." (Psalm 117:1)

12 And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him." (Isaiah 11:10)

Word of God → perspective of God → fueled hope in God

3. The Spirit of power (the Holy Spirit)

"Hope that is based on Christ and has the glory of God for its hoped-for treasure is *not* the product of the unaided human will. If you hope in Christ today and not in money and health and friends and joy and government, that hope is the work of the Holy Spirit. You did not create it." – John Piper

4. Entrustment of your life