



*Week 1: The Hope we've been given and the Hope we give*

**Date:** November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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✝ On earth as it is in heaven  
*Matthew 6:9-10*

✝ Wisdom from a pot of coffee

Reality! *We come to know and experience God's gifts for life as we extend those gifts to others.*

- As we receive these gifts by FAITH
- Respond with GRATITUDE to God
- SHARE these gifts with others.

✝ The gift of hope

SIGHT	• A desire for something to happen.
PERCIEVED	• An optimistic state of mind based on an expectation of a positive outcome.
FAITH	• A mindset of peace, security, and grounded optimism resulting from a positive certainty about both the future and the present.
REVEALED	

- Future: *We are forgiven, accepted, whole, free from brokenness of this world, live in present reality of eternity with God.*  
*Revelation 21:3-4*
- Present: *We are forgiven, accepted, right with God, new creations, being made whole, present reality of union with Christ, full assurance of eternity with God.*

† Real hope! *Hebrews 6:17-19*

<b>Wishful</b>	<b>Grounded</b>
<b><u>FALSE</u> Hope</b> - <i>Hopeful outlook</i> - <i>Distorted reality</i>	<b><u>REAL</u> Hope</b> - <i>Hopeful outlook</i> - <i>Accurate Reality</i>
<b><u>NO</u> Hope</b> - <i>Hopeless outlook</i> - <i>Distorted reality</i>	<b><u>LOST</u> Hope</b> - <i>Hopeless outlook</i> - <i>Accurate reality</i>

† Because we have the hope that we have...

- We don't have to PRETEND
- Therefore, we are able to be objective OPTIMISTS.
- Our hope brings forth gratitude- which is a powerful antidote to Navel-gazing

† The hope we give! We may be *bearers of hope* by...

- Being a FRIEND. Meeting a NEED
- Having the courage to walk alongside someone in their PAIN
- Being a COMFORTER  
*2 Corinthians 1:3-4*
- Expecting God to provide an opportunity for us to give the reason for the hope that we have.  
*1 Peter 3:15*

*Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>: The peace we've been given and the peace we give*