

# Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

## **Part 11 – “Hope In the Rubble”**

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**Scripture Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20; **Supporting Text:** Titus 2:11-13

It is a true saying that where there's life there is \_\_\_\_\_. But for the Christian, the converse is also true that where there is *hope* there will be life. In our world where we see so many \_\_\_\_\_ people, where nature is wreaking \_\_\_\_\_ on the planet with massive earthquakes, \_\_\_\_\_ and other disasters, the recurring question is, “What will \_\_\_\_\_ next?” \_\_\_\_\_ is littered with man's failed attempts of creating utopia, while also splattered with the \_\_\_\_\_ crimes against \_\_\_\_\_ that only reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ depravity of the \_\_\_\_\_. Unknown pestilences continue to rise claiming lives at \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_, and many try desperate measures to find \_\_\_\_\_. Though there is still good in the world, it seems to be falling apart, as if crumbling at its foundation, and some are exploring \_\_\_\_\_ we might transition to another planet. Is there real *hope*? How can we give people the assurance they need in times like these, and for what is yet ahead? May our faith be strengthened as we study today.

### **Holding on to Hope**

1. What does Paul express as his \_\_\_\_\_ hope for the brethren? *1 Thess. 2:17-19*
2. Can having hope improve our \_\_\_\_\_? *Psalms 42:9-11*
3. Though some find it confusing, who is the source of our \_\_\_\_\_? *Psalms 121*
4. What's Peter's counsel about those who scoff at \* \_\_\_\_\_ coming? *2 Peter 3:3-7*
5. Can we have true assurance in the hope of a \_\_\_\_\_? *Romans 5:1-5*

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The gospel message proclaimed by Christ's disciples was the announcement of His first advent to the world. It bore to men the good tidings of salvation through faith in Him. It pointed forward to His second coming in glory to redeem His people, and it set before men the **hope**, through faith and obedience, of sharing the inheritance of the saints in light. This message is given to men today, and at this time there is coupled with it the announcement of \*Christ's second coming as at hand. The signs which He Himself gave of His coming have been fulfilled, and by the teaching of God's word we may know that the Lord is at the door.

**Christ's Object Lessons, p. 226**

***May the HOPE you have in Christ's return grow ever stronger!***