Acts of the Holy Spirit

The Work of the Holy Spirit for the Glory of God and the Purpose of Evangelism (Acts 26:1-11) "Because of this Hope" July 13, 2025

"And now I stand on trial <u>because of the hope in what God promised</u> to our ancestors, the promise our twelve tribes hope to reach as they earnestly serve him night and day. King Agrippa, I am being accused by the Jews <u>because of this hope</u>." (Acts 26:6–7, CSB)

A Biblical Theology of Hope

I. Biblical Hope is born from a _____

"I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." (Genesis 3:15, HCSB)

Application: Even in the darkest moments, God plants seeds of hope. *(I can have hope in the face of despair)*

II. Biblical Hope is communicated through

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

III. Biblical Hope comes through a _____

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," (1 Peter 1:3, NIV)

Application: Biblical hope is rooted in a Person, not a circumstance. *(I can know hope through knowing Jesus)*

IV. Biblical Hope is available in the _____

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13, CSB)

Application: Hope is not passive—it is the fuel for my faith. (*I can have hope even in the midst of struggles*)

V. Biblical Hope is consummated in _____

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."" (Revelation 21:4, ESV)

Application: Hope extends beyond this life to the next. (*I can have hope for a better future*)

Application: God's promises outlast our circumstances. (*I can have hope in God's promises*)

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