FAITH+HOPE+LOYE

Hope Has a Name

Sunday, November 20, 2022 Dave Michel Stepping Stones Community Church

¹² Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. ¹³ Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13 NLT

12 We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! 13 But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13 MSG

²¹ And his name will be the hope of all the world."

Matthew 12:21 NLT

We have hope because of <u>Jesus</u>

- 1. Our place is secure in God's family
- 2. We have confidence that God is <u>working</u> for us and our future is <u>blessed</u>
- 3. We know that God is always with us

²³ And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. ²⁴ We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. ²⁵ But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)

Romans 8:23-25 NLT

11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life.

Proverbs 13:12 NLT

¹⁸ So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. ¹⁹ This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.

Hebrews 6:18-19 NLT

Next Steps: □ Join God's family by confessing my sins, believing that Jesus is my savior, and committing to serve God with my life □ Trust God for my future and place my hope for tomorrow in Jesus: □ Commit to put my hope in God when I struggle with worry or anxiety about the future □ Re-read today's Bible verses this week □ ______