

THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD



Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)

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Word for the Week

PUT ALL YOUR HOPE IN GOD

We thank our Heavenly Father for the word in due season that we have been considering as the theme of the month - "Hope thou in God". It is an admonition and the word of encouragement needed in times such as we are right now. Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Hope of Israel, the hope of the hopeless and the living hope is worthy of reposing our confidence upon. He is reliable, dependable, trustworthy and faithful in all His ways. ***“There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.” (Joshua 21: 45 KJV).***

Our God is sovereign, he rules and reigns over all; all things were created by him and for him - ***“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.” (Colossians 1:16 KJV).*** He is exalted above all. Honour and riches come from him – ***(1 Chronicles 29:11-12 KJV).***

Considering the ability and character of our God when compared to the needs of mankind, it is evident that God should be object of our Hope. Placing our trust and hope on anything other than God will lead to disappointments and woes - ***“O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.” - (Jeremiah 17:13 KJV & Isaiah 31:1 KJV).*** Despite our unfaithfulness, God is faithful. Knowing this, we are admonished to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (***Hebrew 10: 23***). Occasions will arise when our hope ebbs. Continuing in service, prayer, praise, worship, perseverance and meditating on the word of God at such time will carry us through those low moments to the manifestation of God's glory. We have the need of patience in order to obtain the wonderful promises of our faithful father – (***Hebrews 10: 36 KJV***).

Reflecting on the points listed below should be of help in enjoying our hope in God during the time in between the pronouncements or discovery of God's wonderful promises, our personal desires and the manifestation of our testimonies.

(A) God determines the time of fulfillment of our desires and his promises - there is time for everything (***Ecclesiastes 3:1***). Our God is in control of time and seasons. It is his prerogative to answer now, later, near and/or distant future. Once the promise is given, the spirit of the Lord is set in motion to accomplish it in God's timetable. ***“...So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” - (Isaiah 55:10 -11 KJV).*** Our timing must be in alignment with his timing because one thing is sure that God makes everything beautiful in his own time - ***“He hath made everything beautiful in his time) - (Ecclesiastes 3:11 KJV).*** Knowing all these, we should engage the patience of a farmer, who prepares the ground, plants, weeds, nurture and with patience obtain the harvest after adequate waiting period.

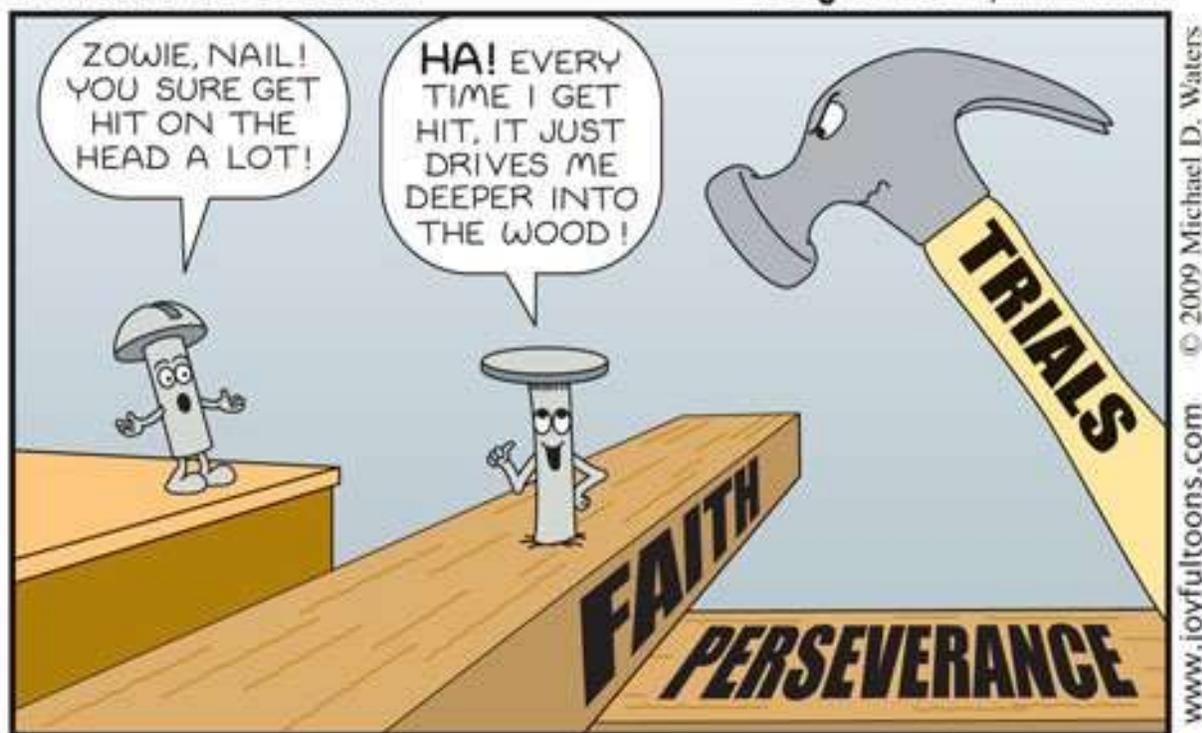
(B) Be opened or sensitive to God's mode of intervention - the impotent man at the pool in John 5: 7 was still waiting and complaining that there was no one to help him when "the ever present help in time of need" was in front of him. So was Naaman thinking that the man of God should probably do something else to heal his leprosy rather than merely instructing him to "go and wash" in river Jordan seven times - (*2 Kings 5: 7-14*). God sent ambushments, instead of actual war, against three enemy nations that besieged his children and thus delivered the Israelites - (*2 Chronicles 20: 21-25*).

(C) Seek the purpose and surrender to the will and wisdom of God in the situations we are going through - In some cases the situations we are going through may be a pointer to what God's plan for our life is. The Bible in *1 Corinthians 1: 25* says that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of men. The Holy Spirit through seemingly unpleasant situations will be depositing virtues in us so that we can be his vessel to those that will be in similar circumstances in future - (*2 Corinthians 1: 3 - 4*). We should always remember that God makes everything to work together for the good of those who love him and the called according to his purpose - (*Romans 8: 28*).

So, let us not lose hope or be weary. Let's continue to ask until our joy is full. Meditate upon the word of God and God's faithfulness and persevere patiently to keep our hope alive.

HAMMER & NAIL

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.
— JAMES 1:2-3 NIV

NB. If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org.