



Book of Romans

Lesson 14

“Sure Hope”

Romans 5:1-5

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Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-18. How does Paul describe our bodies?

Why does he say our bodies are made this way?

Look closely at verses 8 and 9. When we realize the power belongs to God and not to us, will we have smooth, happy, easy lives?

Write down all of the “but” statements in verses 8-9 on an index card to carry with you when you face trials of every kind. What do we know, according to verse 14?

What happens as grace extends to more and more people?

Why is Paul able to find encouragement here?

Why is he not losing heart?

What does Paul consider the trials that he is facing? (Look back at verse 8-9 and notice what actions were taken before those “but” statements. Those were the trials that Paul was facing.)
What can we look forward to?

Read Hebrews 6:16-20. When God wanted to assert how certain the promise was that He made with Abraham, what did He do?

What does this urge us on to do?

Is this hope one that is uncertain? (Notice how the Hebrews writer describes this hope.)

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5. What kind of hope are we born again to?

What kind of an inheritance are we promised?

By whose power is our inheritance being guarded?

As a Christian, we aren’t promised an easy time in this world. This world is not our home; we are aliens and foreigners here. Still, as you spend time with God today, consider the sure hope we truly have in God. Consider whether the hope you have is based on your circumstances and

what you can control, or whether it is based on God and what He has promised. We have an amazing hope that is eternal, not temporary. Ponder today those words in 1 Peter which remind us that the hope we have is one that cannot perish, spoil, or fade.

Ask Him to remind you of the certainty of that promise today, no matter what you are going through. Hold tightly to Him; His promises are sure and our hope is not in vain!