

LOVE

Theme: Love 15

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Love hopes all things.

Key Scripture: *1 Corinthians 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

Read: Love hopes all things to the extent that when one's heart is void of the reality of hope, love has the power to transform it into one full of hope. Love has the capacity to hope and believe all things for all people, because it is love. Hope is not wishful thinking or hoping a dream comes to pass, but the hope that comes from love is assured of what it hopes for.

Hope is confident in what it hopes for because it is defined by love. Romans 15:13 says that we the church, are to abound in hope because the God of hope has filled us with all joy and peace in believing.

Romans 15:13 *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Believing means to be fully convinced of who God is and what He says. When we receive His love in us through the power of revelation, it causes us to be fully convinced of who God is and what He says, because we have received the reality of what He says. This causes us to abound in hope.

This is the hope that acts as an anchor for our soul and keeps us firmly anchored and established in Christ. This hope is sure and steadfast and enters within the veil, enabling us to live the lives that Jesus Christ instructs us in, because of what we are receiving from this "within the veil" position.

Hope is to be realised and not just remain a lofty concept or an abstract reality of something.

If all we have hoped for are the things in this temporal life, the bible says we are to be pitied more than all men.

1 Corinthians 15:19 *If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.*

We are to be pitied because there is so much more to have hope in than this temporal life. The bible says, hope that is seen is not hope at all. We hope in what we can't see, not in what we can see. This kind of hope is able to see into the unseen because it has entered within the veil. This is why love is able to hope all things no matter what it is confronted with.

Questions:

1. In your own words describe what biblical hope is as opposed to worldly hope?
2. Why is it that a follower of Jesus who only has hope for this temporal life is to be pitied more than all men?
3. Why is it that hope can thrive in hopeless circumstances and situations?
4. How much of this hope would you say is being formed and operating within you?
5. Describe what revelations you have received from having this hope that has gone beyond the veil?

Action: What is one thing you need to do from going through this resource?