



**SERIES: August / September Series “HE IS ENOUGH”**

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**Scripture: Colossians 1:5-6**

**TITLE: Where’s Your Hope?**

What gives you hope? During the pandemic, was it the news of government stimulus money? When you got sick, was it access to your doctor or the medication they prescribed? As your child moved away, was it the school they were attending, or the friend who accompanied them? The problem for most of us today, our hope in our circumstances are things or people that have no guarantee. We fix our hope on good things, but not the best things.

What do I mean by that? Let’s continue our study of Colossians for the answer. Paul just said how the Colossian church’s faith and love are known. And then Paul continues in verses Colossians 1:5-6 (NLT):

“which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.

<sup>6</sup>This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God’s wonderful grace.

Paul’s words should shake us up and help us refocus. Paul says, “Your faith and love are well-known. It’s founded in Jesus Christ and anchored by your confident hope of God’s heavenly provision.” What’s interesting and an important reminder is that this hope was heard and understood the day they heard and embraced the Gospel message.

Why is it that when we’re saved, we’re so confident in God and His sufficiency in the present and the future? But over time, our focus moves? Our confidence wanes? Well, I think it’s the same reason why marriages drift into complacency. We get distracted. We become selfish. We lose our focus on the truth and what really matters.

God’s offer of Salvation is not just a free pass into Heaven. It is a free gift towards peace with God and eternity with Him. It’s more. It’s life transformation. It’s life-giving. It’s life-changing. It’s purposeful. And it provides us peace and hope in all circumstances.

That’s the difference the Gospel makes today. We all face hardship. We all face rejection. We all face shortages in the bank, in the workplace, in the neighborhood, and even in church. But we have a hope that we enjoyed and embraced at the beginning of our faith. We need to refocus on that again. That changes how we live each and every day.

So here's my challenge for you today: What are you securing your daily hope on? If you're like me, it's easy to take your eyes off of our future and back onto your bank account, or your social calendar, or your job title, or whatever it is. We all need to refocus our hope on our future with Jesus Christ.

Share in the comments below why our future with Christ motivates you to live with purpose. Share why you struggle with that focus. We'd love to relate and encourage each other as we pursue spiritual fitness.

So refocus on our Savior and the future with Him. When we do this, there is no way we won't win the day.