Sunday Sermon Questions

Title: Virtues of the Cross: Life-Giving Hope

April 1, 2018

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***MEMORY VERSES***

 *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

*(Hebrews 10:19-25, ESV)*

***FOR FURTHER STUDY(Optional):***

*[Each week our Sermon Questions will include suggestions on other areas of study and application that you might want to pursue.]*

*As we approach Easter Sunday and our celebration of the crucifixion and resurrection or our Lord Jesus Christ, we want to encourage you to use the next 3 weeks to memorize Hebrews 10:19-25. It is a great passage to get yourself into the regular habit of memorizing and meditating on God’s Word.*

***Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3, 13; 3:15***

1. What is hope? What are some of the common ways that people use the word “hope” today?
2. What stands out to you the most from this week’s sermon? Why?
3. What do the following verses have to teach us about the nature of the hope that Christians have in Christ? (Also pay attention to the context of each of these verses. Some additional verses have been suggested to help with that.)
* 1 Peter 1:3 (1 Peter 1:3-9)
* 1 Peter 1:13 (1 Peter 1:13-16)
* 1 Peter 3:15 (1 Peter 3:13-17)

What other Bible verses/passages can you think of that emphasize or describe the hope we have in Jesus?

1. Why might the life of a person who has this kind of hope stand out so much that others would notice and ask about it (1 Peter 3:15)?

How would you explain the hope that you have in Jesus to another person?

1. How can you “set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ”?

How can we help our brothers and sisters keep their eyes fixed on this hope?