**Hope in God – Heb. 10:23**

**Focal Truth: I hope in God because of God’s Promises**

**The God of Hope is the God of promises – Hope confesses the promises of God!**

Today I am more hopeful in the Lord Jesus Christ than at any time in my life because of the promises of God

**Observations**

1. **I hope in God firmly confessing my confidence in His promises – 10:23**

*Let us hold fast our confession of hope*

1. Let us hold fast = the word describes holding a ship steady in the sea
2. Let us hold steady our confession of our hope

***Hope in God confesses faith in God***

1. Hope confesses the promises of God

Hope confesses all of God’s promises are true – Ps. 18:30

Hope confesses all of God’s gospel promises – 1 John 2:25 – this is the promise which He himself made to us, eternal life

Hope confesses all of God’s judgment promises

1. Hope confesses Jesus Christ as the complete promise of God

2 Cor. 1:20 – for as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes, therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us

Heb. 3:1 – holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession

1. Hope boasts in the Lord Jesus Christ

Heb. 3:6 – but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house, whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm to until the end

1. **I hope in God assuredly confessing that God has given His promises to me -10:23**

*He who promised* – is the God of promise

1. 2 Pet. 1:3 – 4 – seeing His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence, for by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust

***When you trust God & His promises they become yours!***

1. Heb. 10:19 – we have confidence to enter into God’s presence by the blood of Christ
2. Heb. 10:21 – we have a great high priest in heaven Jesus Christ who cares for us
3. Heb 10:22 – we draw near to God by faith in prayer & worship
4. Heb. 6:11 – show the same diligence so as to recognize the full assurance of hope until the end
5. Heb. 7:19 – there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God
6. **I hope in God expectantly confessing that God is faithful to keep His promises to me 10:23**

*He who promised is faithful*

1. Josh 21:45 – not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled, everything he had spoken came true
2. Ps. 145:13 – the Lord always keeps His promises, he is gracious in all he does
3. Heb. 6:18 – it is impossible for God to lie
4. 1 Thess. 5:24 – Faithful is He who calls you and He will bring it to pass

**Basil said as he was martyred, burn my foot, that it may dance eternally w/ angels!**

**Things to Remember**

1. Hope in God confesses the promises of God
2. What God promises will come to pass – they are the certainty of things not seen & yet to come
3. Hope in God quiets the soul when the promise of God is delayed
4. Promises made by the Lord Jesus Christ are promises kept by the Lord Jesus Christ
5. The longer you wait for God’s promise the sweeter it will be when it comes!

**Hopefulness in the promises encouraged the martyrs:** A little storm led to an eternal calm!

When we read of the martyrs who conquered their fears because of they trusted in God & His promises

They sang in their chains, they clapped their hands as they were half burned at the stake, they called their execution day their wedding day, they kissed the stake on which they were to be burned…***they had their mind set on the reward of God’s promises, & delighted & anticipated the glorious things coming in the promises of God!***

**Daily Use**

1. Live in the joy of your hope on the promises of God
2. Stand on the promises of God
3. Confess the promises of God

**Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful**