**Hope in God – Ps. 71:5,14**

**Focal Truth: I hope in God because He never changes**

**When you trust the God who saves & never changes through the Lord Jesus Christ, it produces a life of hopeful dependence & confidence in Him**

Ps. 71 is my testimony of my hope in God through the Lord Jesus Christ because He saves & never changes!

Ps71 – is the Psalm of an old man who lived in trust & hope in the God who saves & never changes

He prays & praises God with hopeful thankfulness in old age as he had in young age

**Observations**

1. **He drew near in faith to the God who saves & never changes – 71:1 -4**
2. 71:1 – He came to God in faith for salvation & protection - I have taken refuge in you O Lord
3. 71:2 – He prays for God to save him - deliver me in Your righteousness, rescue me & hear my prayer
4. 71:3 – He comes repeatedly to God by faith for salvation - be my rock of habitation to which I continually come
5. 71:4 – He praises God’s certainty & protection – you are my rock & fortress

***When we trust the Lord Jesus by faith, we take refuge in Him & experience encouragement in our hope***

*Heb. 6:18 – we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.*

1. **He confessed his life - long hope in the God who saves & never changes – 71:5-8**
2. 71:5 - He praised the God of hope who was his hope in early days – for you have been my hope, O Lord God, you are my confidence from my youth
3. 71:6- He confesses that God has sustained him from his birth – by you I have been sustained from birth
4. 71:7 – He declares that he is an example of God’s saving power – I have become a marvel to many, for you are my strong refuge
5. 71:8 – He praises God everyday – all his days for his enduring saving power – my mouth is filled with your praise and your glory **all day long**

***His life - long hope in the God who saves and never changes results in unceasing praise to God! ALL DAY – EVERYDAY! Regardless of what the day may bring!***

1. **He asked for continued help from the God who saves & never changes – 71:9 -13**
2. 71:9 – He asked again for God not to forsake him in his weakness & old age - do not cast me off in time of old age, do not forsake me when my strength fails
3. 71:10 – 14 - He asks God to help him because of the attack of the enemies of his soul

* my enemies have spoken against my life – 10
* saying God has forsaken him there is no one to deliver him – 11
* God be not far from me, O God hasten to help me! – 12
* Let those who are adversaries be ashamed, consumed & covered with reproach & dishonor – 13

***71:14 – He prayed for help while continuing to hope expectantly that God would save him! But as for me I will hope continually …***

***As for me – a statement of faith***

***As for me – a statement of confident hope in God***

***As for me – a statement of assurance in God***

***As for me – a statement of expectant waiting on God***

1. **He hopefully praised the God who saves & never changes 71:14 -24**
2. 71:14 – He praised God more & more as he hoped more & more – as for me I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more
3. 71:15 – He praised God for His unending salvation, **ALL DAY LONG- EVERYDAY** – regardless of what the day may bring!
4. 71:16 – He promises to do great things by God’s power - I will come with mighty deeds of the Lord God
5. 71:17 – He promises to declare the work of God that God has taught him - you have taught me from my youth
6. 71:18 - He asks God to help him finish his work in his old age – even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me till I declare you strength to this generation your power to all who are to come
7. 71:19 – He praises God for his righteousness & His great works - your righteousness reaches to the heavens you have done great things – who is like you
8. 71:20 – He confidently waits on God’s reviving power in his life – you who have shown me many troubles and distresses will revive me again
9. 71:21 -24 – He promises to praise God **ALL DAY LONG – EVERYDAY** – I will praise you… I will sing praise…My lips shall shout for joy when I sing praise to you…my tongue will utter your righteousness ALL DAY LONG

**Things to Remember**

1. Trusting the God who saves & never changes brings life – long hope!
2. The God who never changes can be trusted ALL DAY – EVERY DAY in EVERYWAY!
3. God’s unchanging saving grace is for all ages & seasons of life
4. The hope filled never stop praising the God who saves & never changes!

**Daily Use**

1. Draw near and take refuge in Jesus Christ the Savior
2. Confidently trust & hope in God today!
3. Give thanks to God ALL DAY - EVERYDAY for things He has done for you!