

B. In regards to our _____ through faith God delivers us in three ways:

- From the _____ of sin in the past and this is called justification.
“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23
- From the _____ of sin in the present and this is called sanctification.
*“11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”* Titus 2:11-14
- From the _____ of sin in the future and this is called glorification.
*“3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”* I Peter 1:3-5

CONCLUSION:

Remember what God does in you.

HOPE FOR YOU

Faith Maximizes Hope
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INTRODUCTION

A. Sometimes life’s hurts are so overwhelming you feel hopeless. Whether your concerns include emotional pain, financial insecurity, family drama, health issues or problems at work, you don’t have to live without hope. No matter your circumstances, through God you can find hope in your hurts.

“Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance.” Psalm 42:5 NKJV

B. In this series, you will learn how there is Hope For You! You will discover four thoughts about God that provide hope.

March 27	Praise Ignites Hope
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Come and find hope in your hurt.

C. **TEXT:** II Corinthians 1:8-10 (Pew Bible/Page 183/New Test.)

II Corinthians 1:1-11 shows us how to find hope in the midst of hurt. In this passage the apostle Paul was hurting (1:8) and he tells us what he did to find comfort. The word “comfort” or “consolation” (same root word in Greek) are repeated _____ times in this passage.

HOW FAITH MAXIMIZES HOPE

#3 Hope For You Thought: Remember what God does in you.

“3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:” Isaiah 26:3-4

What you focus on the longest becomes the strongest.

“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” Hebrews 11:7

I. GOD ALLOWS _____ (1:8)

A. Hurt is _____.

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” I Corinthians 10:13

B. Hurt is _____.

“6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:”

I Peter 1:6-7

II. GOD CREATES _____ (1:9)

A. We are not to trust in _____. (v 9a)
“5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5

“For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.” I Corinthians 13:12

B. We are to trust in _____. (v 9b)

“8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. “ Isaiah 55:8-9

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20

III. GOD PROVIDES _____ (1:10)

A. In regards to our _____ through faith God does not always deliver us immediately or in the same way.

“33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword,...

36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword:...”

Hebrews 11:33-34a; 36-37a