

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. It's the first day of the New Year. Take some time to review 2006 and then think about the new year ahead. Do you have solid, true hope? *What is real hope?*

Tuesday. On Sunday we underscored the truth that real hope is based on God and the truth of His Word. Are there other things you are "hanging on to" as a basis of hope other than God? True hope does not vaporize the difficult and terrible things of life, but gives you a goal and strength.

Wednesday. We looked at the benefits of hope last Sunday. Review the four areas noted on the outline, along with the references. As you review them, remember they are not only benefits of hope, but indicators of how much your hope is really in God.

Thursday. Hope grows and blossoms in a process of walking faithfully with God. It is not instant nor automatic. It is not reserved for just a few, but God's gift available to all believers. Review Romans 5:3-5 and the four steps Paul notes. Evaluate how you are responding in the small as well as big pressures, challenges of life.

Friday - Saturday. On Saturday we will have the memorial service for Ken Gillett. Pray for Gloria and the family, that God will continue to minister to them. On Sunday we plan to begin a series in the book of Esther. If you can, take an overview read of the 10 chapters in preparation for our time together.

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Worship In Proclamation

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"Hope For 2007"

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The Basis For Hope.

1. God Himself.

(1 Timothy 1:1, 4:10; 2 Thessalonians 2:16; Lamentations 3:21-24)

2. God's Word. (Psalm 119:49-50, 130:1, 5)

The Benefits Of Hope.

1. Well-being, blessing and happiness.

(Proverbs 13:12; Psalm 146:5; Romans 12:12)

2. Security and strength. (Hebrews 6:18-19)

3. Focus for living. (Colossians 1:5; Titus 1:2, 2:13, 3:7)

4. Purity. (1 John 3:2-3)

The Blossoming Of Hope.

1. It is a process.

2. The process pictured in Romans 5:3-5.

Pressures of life → Perseverance →
Proven character → Hope