

**Hope of a Broken World**  
AM Service      Psalm 71:5      April 4, 2021

*O Praise the Name*

**Congregational Response**

“The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!”

**Hymn 357 Christ Arose**

**Family Time/Announcements/Pastoral Prayer**

**Children’s Bell Choir**

**Praise Team**

*Risen Today*

*Living Hope*

*Christ Is Risen*

**Introduction**

*Ps 71:5 For You are my hope , O Lord GOD*

*Diane - Hope of a broken world.*

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**The Power That Stands Behind Our Hope**

We live in a broken world.

*Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

We can have hope.

God is the power that stands behind our hope.

*Rom 8:18 – 25*

**The Provision Which Is the Basis of Our Hope**

We were without God and had no hope.

*Eph 2:11-13*

*11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh ...  
12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the  
commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of  
promise, having no hope and without God in the world.*

Christ is God’s provision for us and is the basis for our hope.

*13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been  
brought near by the blood of Christ.*

**The resurrection is God’s visual guarantee of our hope.**

**The Fact**

I Cor. 15:12-20 is Paul’s logical argument about the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1. The confusion
2. The Logical Argument

What is the logical argument?

If there is no resurrection from the dead, then logic tells us there would be at least seven disastrous consequences.

1. Christ did not rise from the dead.
2. Our preaching is useless.
3. Our faith is useless (empty)
4. All the witnesses are liars.
5. Our faith is futile
6. Dead believers are destroyed.
7. The pagans would be right.

3. The Declaration of God’s Word.

Christ is our living hope.

*1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

## Our death is not the end of hope.

*1 Thess 4:13-18*

*13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus..16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord...*

### **The Response We Should Have because of Our Hope**

#### **1. A Ready Defense and Witness**

*1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;*

#### **2. Unwavering steadfastness**

*Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

#### **3. Pure Life**

*1 John 3:3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

#### **4. Godly Living and a Confident Expectation of Glory**

*Titus 2:11-14*

*11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us,*

*that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*

### **Our only hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ!**

#### **a. Our Spiritual Condition – Totally Depraved**

*Rom 3:10-12*

*10 "There is none righteous, no, not one;  
11 ...There is none who seeks after God.  
12 ...There is none who does good, no, not one."*

#### **b. God's Character – Infinitely Holy**

*1 John 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.*

#### **c. Our Need – A Substitute**

*2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

#### **d. God's Provision – A Savior**

*1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins...*

### **Have you responded to these four truths?**

*Eph 2:8-9*

*8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast*

### **Is your hope in the Lord?**

### **Hymn 358 "Because He Lives"**

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery