

TITLE AND NUMBER: 54. Our hope



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

LOOKING FURTHER: 2 Peter 3:3-4

What does this Bible passage tell us?

This passage is about maintaining our faith as well as supporting one another in our Christian walk. The word 'hope' refers to the certainty of our salvation, and not just a wish for something to happen. We know our salvation is certain because God cannot lie.

The word 'unswervingly' means that there should be no hint of doubt in our minds but rather absolute confidence in what we believe and speak out. However, there will always be people who challenge our faith and beliefs. They are mentioned in 2 Peter 3:3-4: "they will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised?" We are encouraged in verse 24 of our passage to think about how we can inspire one another to love those who mock us. Let's show a positive attitude towards them by blessing them with good words and acts of kindness.

If we come across opposition, we may be tempted to withdraw or hide. Instead we are told to meet together regularly, support each other and not give up. Meeting together has been difficult recently due to Covid, and services and Bible studies being cancelled. Now more than ever we need to encourage each other and pray for each other when we are alone. We can always be sure that God is with us, He hears us and He will never leave us or forsake us.



Reflections:

- What keeps you close to the Lord and on track in times of difficulty?
- How can you encourage others especially when you can't meet together as often as you would like?
- Who has encouraged you during the pandemic?
- Thank God right now that He is always with you even in the most difficult of circumstances.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

