

CHRISTIAN HOPE

Christian Hope

Psalm 42

Sunday, January 3, 2021

2. _____ Hope

A. Self Hope (James 4:13–14)

B. Religious Hope (2 Kings 5:1–19)

3. _____ Hope (42:5, 11)

A. Hope in God

B. My Salvation

C. My God

2020 is FINALLY behind us. Phew! But what will this new year bring? How many of your New Year's resolutions come with an "" this year? What kind of hope can we have for 2021? These are all real questions as uncertainty has become a new normal. What does God call His people to in these days? Christian hope.*

1. How was your soul _____ in 2020? (42:5, 11)

Emotionally: "My tears have been my food day and night" (v.3)

Verbally: "They say to me all day long, 'Where is your God?'" (v.3)

Physically: "[God's] waves and breakers have gone over me" (v.7)

Relationally: "[God], why have you forgotten me?" (v.9)

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

As we look to the New Year, do you make resolutions or goals? Why or why not? If you do, how do you approach that? Explain your process.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's word together)*

1. Read Psalm 42. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text/ message this week?
2. How was your soul cast down in 2020?
3. What has your experience been like with the two types of Counterfeit Hope?

4. What sets Christian Hope apart from Counterfeit Hope?

5. How does Christian Hope prepare your soul for 2021?

PRAY

- Pray for those suffering through this Covid-19 pandemic and pray for it to end soon.
- Pray for the ongoing conversation around and practice of generosity in the family of Grace Central Coast.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.