

HOPE

For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 (CSB)

FOCUS: Christians have a different hope than the world. Our hope is grounded in God and His promises. Because of that, Christians can live today with confidence, and face the future with confidence.

OUTLINE:

1. Old Testament

- a. Hope is grounded in God
- b. Hope is grounded in God's acts
- c. Hope is grounded in the expectation of the Messiah

2. New Testament

- a. Hope is grounded in God
- b. Hope is grounded in fulfilled prophecies
- c. Hope is grounded in Christ

3. So What?

- a. There is a difference between biblical hope and human hope.
- b. Hope, both today and in biblical times, is grounded in God.
- c. Because of what God has done in the past, we are confident in what He is going to do in the future.
- d. We have hope because of what God has done in Christ.
- e. We have hope because of the Holy Spirit