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**Series: Transformed for Christ's Glory -
Ephesians 4: 4 Message: "One Hope."**

False Hopes < Sure and Living Hope in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:12 – “without hope and without God in the world.”

What is hope? Trust, confidence, future expectation.

Eph 4:4 – There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called...

1 Peter 1:3-4 – he has given us new birth into a living hope...

Three Characteristics of a Healthy Church:

Faith, Hope and Love

1Thess 1:3 contrasted with the church at Ephesus (1:15,16,18)

- Those without hope are: Ephesians 2:1, 3, 12
- Those with hope in Christ: Ephesians 2:5, 6, 7, 14, 19, 22

1 Timothy 1:1 – “Christ Jesus, our hope!” Titus 1:2 – “Hope of eternal life.”

1. The Hope of Jesus gives us eternal confidence through his Resurrection and promised Return.

(Acts 23:6; 1Cor 15; Acts 1:10-11; 1Thess 4:13-18)

1Peter 1:3; Hebrews 10:23-25

2. The Hope of Jesus gives us courage through life's troubles.

(Psalm 62:5; Romans 5:4)

3. The Hope of Jesus is a call to holy living.

(1John 3:3; Ephesians 1:4 – called to one hope – Eph 4:4)

Having one's hope in Christ always results in a life that pleases God no matter what the cost.

1Peter 3:12-18 (key verse 15)

Do you have this living hope in Jesus Christ?

Romans 15:13