

## Hope Grows: In Grace

- Ministry Budget Goal through 6/30 - \$1,733,484
- Received through 6/30 - \$1,458,427
- Percentage of goal received through 6/30 – 84%
- INTRO VIDEO
- <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. – Romans 15:13.
- Hope Happens when God works
- Hope is knowing my Heavenly Father is at work in my life, and he will continue his work in me.
- Justified - Therefore, since we have been justified...
- PIX – justify.
- Psalm 119:137 - <sup>137</sup> You are righteous, LORD, and your laws are right.
- We trust in Done, not Do.
- Faith - ...through faith
- Shallow faith causes you to move yourself; deep faith enables you to move mountains – Dallas Willard.
- Peace – ...We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Romans 8:28 - <sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
- I can't; God can; I think I'll let him.
- Access - ...through whom we have gained access by faith...
- Grace - ...We have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.
- You cannot get grace; it can only be given – Frederich Buechner
- Romans 8:37-39 - <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Hope - And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.
- Friday was the day of suffering and pain and agony. Saturday was the day of doubt and confusion and misery. But *Easter*—that Sunday—was the day of hope and joy and victory. – Rick Warren
- Justified – I can live knowing I am right with God.
- Faith – Heavenly Father, please grow my faith.
- Peace – Heavenly Father, help me rest in your peace.
- Access – Give thanks you have access to the King.
- Grace – Look for signs of God's grace.
- Hope – I am an Easter person. The greatest battle of my life is already won.

**Starter:** Please share a time in your life when hope sustained you.

**Dig Deeper:**

1. Read Romans 5:1-2.
2. If being justified by Jesus makes you right with God, what does a non-justified life look like? Why would someone choose this life?
3. Twice the word "faith" is mentioned in these verses. What are signs given to us that we can put our faith in God?
4. To be at peace with God would mean we no longer have anxiety with God. Describe a nation without anxiety, a nation under God. What would be different?
5. Imagine you are an Ambassador in the ancient world about to meet a new King for the first time. What are your feelings as you wait? How do you feel when the King sees you and welcomes you by name? What does this tell you about your Heavenly Father?
6. If you lived every day as an Easter person, what would change?