

I Thess. 1:3; Lamentations 3:19-33; I Peter 1:3-5 – “THE HOPE TO COPE”

- 1) Work – the ordinary word for work/the totality of _____
- 2) Labor – work that produces weariness; fatigue; intense labor, great effort, trouble and _____
- 3) Endurance – Labor over time requires endurance. This word means persistence, perseverance, steadfastness, constancy, endurance.

“Endurance inspired by (fueled by) Hope”

I. THE PERSPECTIVE HOPE GIVES US (Lam. 3)

- A. The source of our hope is _____ - V. 19-24
- B. As you “labor”, remember, it could be _____. - V. 22
- C. Hope tells me God is actively involved in my _____. V. 25,26

II. WHAT HOPE IS NOT

- A. Sentimental feeling
- B. _____ or arrogance
- C. A substitute for laziness or foolish _____
- D. A desire that God will violate His Word.

III. WHAT HOPE IS

Faith centers on specific and definite objects; hope centers on _____. When the devil wants to attack your FAITH, he BEGINS by attacking your HOPE.

- A. Hope is faith directed toward the _____
- B. Hope is confidence in God’s _____
- C. Hope is _____-centered. Col. 1:27 - Christ in you, the hope of glory; I Tim. 1:1 - Christ, who is our hope.; I Thess 1:3 – hope in our Lord Jesus Christ
- D. Hope is manifested in stability, steadfastness, and certainty.

IV. HOPE CAN - AND MUST - BE CULTIVATED - I PETER 1:13

- A. Hope is something we are born into - I Peter 1:3
- B. Hope is based in Christ’s _____ - 1:3
- C. Hope will be fully realized only when Christ _____ to earth - 1:13; Titus 2:13 - Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

