**Maintaining Hope**

***“28And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.* Romans 8:28 (NASB)**

**Hope Defined**

**Biblical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ –** a divine, favorable, and confident \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that is accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for something unseen, particularly the future. A **strong belief** that something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is about to happen (to you)!

**Hope** is a picture or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that gives the believer a vision to anticipate. Hope must be built, developed, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***24For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? 25But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it. (Romans 8:24-25)***

**Maintaining Your Hope**

**Romans 8:23-28**

The principles of ***“maintaining hope”*** is a spiritual and practical essential that, in essence, is the product of a life dependent on the Holy Spirit.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hope –** Cooperating with the Holy Spirit to **c**ausing or enabling your hope to continue even in the presence of contradictory evidence. Keep hope alive! Keep your hopes up!

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the picture** by the Word of God through the Holy Spirit.

The **seeds of Hope** are always deposited at the **hearing of the Word of God**. The Word of God paints the picture – a **blueprint (a design with a plan)** – that gives your faith something to work with.

**Steps to Maintaining Hope**

**I. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit** - The Holy Spirit (God’s presence here and now, within us) is actively portraying the “foretaste” of the glory to come.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** *(first fruits of the Spirit)* – **A sample**, **suggestion**, **or sign** of something that lies ahead.

* **A glimpse** – See in a mirror dimly
* **A touch** – presence of God, sometimes, out of nowhere

**How To Commune (Fellowship / Joint Participation) with the Holy Spirit**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in the Spirit *(Romans 8:26-27)*

The Holy Spirit comes along side in prayer (Revealing and Strengthening)

***13When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. (John 16:13) NLT***

**B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in the Spirit

***23But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” (John 4:23-24)***

1. **C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** - the Sunday Worship experience – set it apart

2. **C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** – Planned and arranged

3. **C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** – The action of focusing on God

**C. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Living) in the Spirit

***16So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves. (Galatians 5:16)***

Let the Holy Spirit guide your life

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with the Holy Spirit, meaning work with and not against.

* Grieve with Words and Actions
* Ignore those “promptings”

**II. Function in Biblical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***23b - We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.***

**“Wait with eager hope”** – This is the definition of patience

* Patience is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_