

Hope Lives

Luke 24:1-12, 1 Peter 1:3

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When did hope die for you?

- In childhood rejection?
- In disappointment?
- In rebellion?
- In earthly pursuits?

When hope dies, we often become:

- Cynics—I doubt it.
- Agnostics—who cares.
- Atheists—I do not believe.
- Untrusting—how can I trust God?
- Unlovely—how can God love me?
- Self-righteous—I am better than most.
- Self-made—I’ll do it my way.

1. Jesus death was our **death**.

*For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all,
and therefore all died.*
—2 Corinthians 5:14

The death of hope is merely a **symptom** of a greater problem.

Rebellion, sin, and death.
Separation from God.

2. We **hide** our hopelessness.

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." —Genesis 3:10

As we lose innocence, we find more **mature** ways to hide.

They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"
—Revelation 6:16

How do you hide your hopelessness?

With fake smiles—living inauthentic lives.
In addictions—inappropriate relationships
Busy activity—work and career
Thrill seeking—distractions

We do anything to hide from **ourselves** and our **despair** and lack of hope.

3. Jesus **lives** to give us hope.

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Will we come out of hiding, living secret, inauthentic lives, and accept the new birth into a living hope?

Memory Verse:

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