

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Kevin & Pam Barthel | Arizona



### PRAISE

- Thank the Lord that no serious injuries occurred during recent wildfires.
- Praise God for the protection of the church building during a recent fire in the lot next door.
- Praise God for the (2) nine year old boys who accepted Jesus as Savior during VBS.

### PRAY

- Pray for the people who lost their property during the recent wildfire (20 homes and 48 vehicles).
- Pray for Gilson Wash Baptist Church and the folks that they minister to.



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Study Date: 12/15/24

## Experience The Gift Of Hope

A worldly hope is founded on irrational thinking, empty vanity, a humanistic philosophy, and man's deceitfully-inspired prospects, resulting in disappointments, frustration, confusion, and shame. But Christian hope is founded on an altogether different principle, which is rooted in God's trustworthy goodness and the gracious promises of our Heavenly Father. Christian hope is centered on the never-failing Word of God and His many precious promises, which are all 'yes' and 'amen' in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Christian hope shines from the eternal flame of God's burning love for us and does not rest on the flickering candle-light of our scant love for Him. Christian hope is an ever-flowing fountain of the unfathomable love of God, cascading into our hearts and washing through our lives. Christian hope is the highest expression of glorifying God, for it springs from a trusting heart that believes God's Word of truth by faith.

It is the assurance that what we hope for in Christ will happen, and the certainty that what we cannot see exists. It is believing the Word of God to be factual, as we stand fast on the gospel of grace, even when the evidence in the natural world is denied by our logic. Even when the testimony of our physical senses, witness to the contrary.

It is the hope of God's love in our heart that is confirmed through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, "and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit, Who was given to us."

We will discover many disappointments which may even trigger feelings of shame or disgust if we invest in the empty hope of this deceitful world, but our hope in God cannot disappoint or deceive, for He has already stamped His seal of irrefutable proof and unquestionable certainty on His written Word, through His Holy Spirit, Who has taken up permanent residence within the heart of all believers and Who was given to us as a down-payment for the eternal hope that is living within each of His children.

The gracious gift of hope is secured on the unchangeable and unconditional love of God, which He poured into our hearts by His Spirit, when we first trusted Christ's finished work on Calvary. The love of God was poured out in great measure when we first believed, and it grows into an ever-deepening awareness of God's great love for us, which remains the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Resource: [dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com](http://dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com)

## KEY VERSE

Romans 5:5 (NKJV)

*“Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”*

Read Romans 5:1-11 Every Day!

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Monday: Romans 5:5

#### Introduction

1. Romans 5:5 reveals to us that *“the love of God has been poured out in our hearts.”* How have YOU experienced this love in your life? Define it!
2. In paragraph 1 on pg. 1 how are “worldly” hope and “Christian” hope compared to one another? What is the difference between the two?

### Tuesday: Romans 5:3b; John 16:33

#### Live For God’s Glory

3. John 16:33 gives us some valuable information about “challenge” in our lives. What is promised to us in this verse regarding *“tribulation”*?
4. While John 16:33 tell us that we *“will have tribulation,”* as believers what does Romans 5:3b call us to do while going through this tribulation?

### Wednesday: I Corinthians 10:31; Philippians 1:20-21; I Peter 4:16

#### Find Hope By Living For God’s Glory

5. Philippians 1:20 states that as believers *“Christ will be magnified”* in our bodies as we live for His glory. How can we achieve this in our daily lives?
6. According to I Peter 4:16 *“if anyone suffers as a Christian”* he or she will glorify God in this way. How has doing this inspired “hope” in YOUR life?

### Thursday: Rom. 5:3c-4; Jas. 1:2-4; I Peter. 1:6-7; Job:19:25-27

#### Grow Through God’s Process

7. What invaluable lesson do we learn from Romans 5:3c-4 regarding tribulation? What can we as believers gain from it?
8. What is the overall message conveyed to us in James 1:2-4. What will *“the testing of our faith”* produce in us?
9. What is I Peter 6:7 saying about our character as believers in the statement; *“the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold”*?

### Friday: Romans 5:5; Romans 8:35-39; John 14:16-18; Psalm 63:3

#### Take In God’s Love

10. According to the message of Romans 8:35-39 *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ”*? Can anyone?
11. What incredible gift does the Father bestow upon us as believers in John 14:16-17. Why can we now walk in confidence through our life?
12. Referring to the Father, Psalm 63:3 states: *“Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.”* Are YOU praising Him?