

The Meaning of The Christian Hope Memorial Day

Introduction

We live life by small, fragmentary hopes

- Get a new car or house or old age pension
- Hope that health will improve.
- That we can get a date.
- That we will make success of life.
- Our children will grow up to fine ~~positions~~ ^{positions}
- This is all hopes in the transitory and passing
- There are deeper hopes.

Many Things To Discourage us from Hope

- Washed through personal experience
 - The World Situation
 - We cannot Trust Ourselves.
 - All here there is no hope rooted in
Gods.
- When hope dies, nihilism sets in or we become bitter

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See High Quality of New Testament Hope.

① A Great Word of Hope in the midst of
direful difficulties.

- Peter and Revelation.

② See Nature of This Hope

- To see God's promises fulfilled.

- To see God deliver his people.

- That God will complete the work
begun.

- That each of us will come to
know his true Destiny.

③ This Is Rooted in What God Has Done

- His work with Israel.

- What He has done in Jesus Christ

- We have been born to a new and
living Hope.

3.

④ Thin Hope Is for The Present And The Future

+ We Live Today In Hope -

- Each Day, see some of God's
work

- The fulfillment of God's work.

- Everlasting life now.

- There There Is Also Hope for The Future.

- The Climax of the Age will
be in Christ's coming again.

- Everything is incomplete
like a haunting melody.

⑤ Thin Hope Is Personal And Social

- for me and the entire Age

⑥ Thin Hope Meets Its Crucial Hour At Death.

Announcements

- Meetings

- ① Sun Sunday Evening.
- ② Lions Valley Commencement
- 8:00 Monday.
- ③ The Vote on The Morning Service.
- ④ Relief for Chile.

American Baptist Convention

- Prayer Service 7:15
- Next Sunday
 - Rev. Al Hallock
 - Mr. James Home

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

May 29, 1960

7:30 P.M.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Hymn Singing

Scripture and Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Solo - Verne Wortman

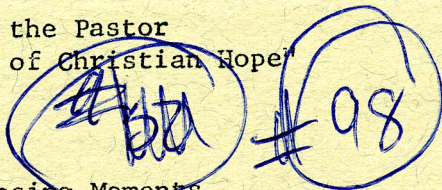
Evening Message by the Pastor

"The Meaning of Christian Hope"

Hymn of Invitation

Benediction and Closing Moments

Postlude



The Key To The Last Room

Reverend Service
- American Baptist
Convention

Introduction

- Being a Christian is a great companionship.
- It is costly. Asks the best of me.
- It is like opening the door. Admitting a friend, eating with him and having fellowship.
- "Beloved, I stand at the door and knock..."
- The F. B. Meyer Story!

Once There Was A Knock At The Door

- There stood The Christ
- Come in - We have the guest room ready.
- Don't understand... I must come as your friend. I must live with you.
- He showed me somewhere, he introduced him to our family. Explained our routine in living.

The Quiet Time In The Morning

- He said we must come to know one another.
- We needed a quiet time together each morning.
 - The first morning I missed.
- Then because I needed to cover up I wanted to do all the talking and deal with superficial matters.
- He said we must be honest and real if we were going to come to know each other.

Then He Sat Down To Eat With Us.

- He said you hurry, are tense and unhappy. Eating was not meant to be this way.
- Meant to be time of joy, listening to each other, of sharing.
- So we started. Then one day while he was breaking bread I noticed the naïl prints.

Watches Me Write Our Checks

- Plenty of Things On Myself.
 - See well. House is full of good things.
 - You care for your health.
 - You have provided for old age.
- Did You Not Know That My Father Gave You Everything
 - All your life. Each Day,
 - The capacity for work
 - The world from which the life comes.
 - But more than that I have given
my life for you.
- Now Then His Check Come Time

The Party And Our Friends

- We asked him to leave for the evening.
- Returns Early And We Were Embarrassed.
- He retired without a word.
- The next morning "Why were you ashamed."

There are Hope Near You

- The folks who moved in and you never called on them.
- The family in trouble that longed for someone to come to them.
- The man on the job who needed a kind ^{word}.

Then there was the Closet

- There was A Dress in which he was interested.
- Oh, just some old things. No concern of his.
- Unholy ambitions and thoughts.
- Fears and worries.
- Gamy - wanting to be like someone else
- Hatred and prejudice - Looking down.

Then the keys - And Peace came!

- "Behold, I stand at the Door!

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

May 29, 1960

Eight-thirty o'clock

AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH

Organ Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

Hymn of Worship - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Invocation - Lord's Prayer - Gloria

INVISIBLE RESOURCES

Reading of the Holy Scriptures -

Revelations 3:13-22

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Anthem - "Out of the Depths" -

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THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Christian Greetings and the Offering

Offertory

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD

Solo - "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" - Liddle
Patti Heyl, Alto

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson

"The Key to the Last Room"

HUMBLE ENOUGH TO BEGIN

Hymn of Dedication and Decision

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude