

CELL NOTES
For Dave Day's talk on 20 January 2008

HOPE

One of the three eternal qualities (1 Cor 13:13)

The hope of the cynical

The hope of the faithful (Hebrews 11:1)

John 4

- A hope that touches our deepest needs
- Jesus lays a foundation of truth (10-14)
- From that foundation, he can touch hurts, weaknesses and insecurities

Luke 24

- A hope that touches our deepest despair
- A foundation of truth (25-27)
- He then gives fresh hope for the next part of our journey (32-34)

John 9

- A hope that envisions the sightless
- A foundation of truth (3-6)
- From that foundation comes renewed vision

On what is our hope founded?

In what areas do we need renewed hope?

How do we find that hope?

Cell Discussion

1. Read aloud the words of "In Christ Alone", use the theme and words of that hymn as a basis for prayer and worship
2. How can we be certain of the hope that is within us?
3. Relate stories from your experience when you know that you have had hope implanted within you
4. What other examples of hope can you see in the gospels?
5. What are the main areas of despair that we see in our society?
6. How can we realistically communicate hope to those around who are in despair?
7. Pray for family, friends and colleagues who need hope

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.