

New life Christian Fellowship

"The desire with the expectation of fulfilment" Hope.

Do you have hope or is hope a hazy memory blotted out by disappointments?

Two men hoped Jesus would help them. A blind man hoped Jesus would give him sight saying: "Have mercy on me Son of David!" Another hoped Jesus could save his sick daughter. Even when the girl died, the man continued to hope because Jesus said: "Do not be afraid, just believe..."

Both had their hopes fulfilled – the man who acknowledged that Jesus was the messiah gained sight; the other gained his daughter's life.

In a crisis, do we look at the problem from Jesus' point of view or do we say "nothing can be done, it's hopeless!"?

Like these two men Jesus can be our source of hope. Hope is the key to Christian life. Even when death comes, hope lives: Paul who faced death threats regularly because of his faith in Jesus, said: "Where death is your victory? Where oh death is your sting?"

Paul did not fear death; he knew Jesus had already beaten it. The sting he talks about is sin and its power. This "sin" entered every aspect of the earth polluting people, and the entire planet, bringing with it death and decay.

This is why Jesus became a man, to restore things. Jesus defeated "sin" through his death on the cross. He lives again and we can live with him for eternity: "Behold I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered."

We can live in hope for this new heaven and earth, but we can still strive to achieve things today: "forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead." (Philippians 3).

We may have things that we are ashamed of, perhaps things only God knows about. It is time to turn away from these things and move forward so we can concentrate on what God intends us to be. We can have a new start, be obedient and trust in God, looking forward to a meaningful life because of the hope in Jesus.

To live life without hope is meaningless, no direction or purpose. To have hope in the promises of God gives direction, certainty, belonging, purpose and hope.

Hope is the answer. We must have hope, but beyond hope is Trust and faith in Jesus; that his love for our life on earth, and in the hereafter will provide all that we hope for. There is only one way to gain this. Jesus said: "I am the way...."

This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son... And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and everlasting life.

Put your hope in Jesus today.

If you want to talk or would like us to pray for you call: 01834 812839/01834 831533.
New Life Christian Fellowship meet: Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am Sundays, all welcome.