Things That Abide-II
HOPE
The Background

• “...whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part.” 1 Corinthians 13:8, 9

• “And now abide faith, hope, love, these three...” 1 Corinthians 13:13
We Have Studied About Faith That Abides:

• Faith is seeing the unseen, acting on divine knowledge, and enduring to the end

• There is a connection to our hope

• “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” Hebrews 11:1
Hope in the Living God is That Which Sustains Us

• “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;” 1 Peter 1:13

• “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” 1 Peter 1:3
The Context of Verses 13 and 3 Will Provide Our Message Tonight

• Every Christian has been born anew (V-3). The new birth made us God’s children, His heirs and joint-heirs with Christ.

• Our hope points us to what awaits us!
  “to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,” Verse 4
Our Bright Hope for the Future is Rooted in A Past Event

- “Living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”
- God raised Jesus from the dead and made His resurrection the pledge of our own.
- On the eve of His death, Jesus looked beyond the cross to His work of preparation for His own.
- John 14:1 – “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.”
Hope’s Power to Sustain Us is Evident

• Commitment to Christ and belief of the truth makes for assurance and confidence.

• The assurance of victory makes the soldier keep fighting.

• The certainty of reaching our destination makes the traveler press on.

• The Christian’s assurance keeps him from being distracted from the trivial things of this world.
“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,” 1 Peter 1:6, 7

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” Romans 8:18
“whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls. Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.” 1 Peter 1:8-12
Conclusions

• Hope involves all facets of our relationship to God and His people

• Hope is expressed in faith, confidence, patience, and happy anticipation!

• The gospel was preached so that all had the opportunity to obey

• “Christ in you, the hope of glory”