

## What Does This Mean?

### *Week 2: Hope*

#### Questions for contemplation

What is hope?

What is the content of hope?

What is the basis of hope?

What is the nature of hope?

#### Bible Verses

##### **Colossians 1:3-5**

“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,”

##### **Romans 8:24**

“For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience”

What is the content of our hope in Christ?

- 1 Thessalonians 5:8 [salvation]
- Titus 1:1-2 [eternal life]
- Galatians 5:5 [righteousness]

What is the basis of our hope in Christ?

- Romans 8:31-32 [the promise of God]

What is the nature of our hope in Christ?

- 2 Thessalonians 2:16 [grace]

##### **Romans 12:12**

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

#### Reflection

How are we to proceed in these ever-changing times? How do we cope?

How do we persevere and endure in times of suffering?

How does the content, basis and nature of hope shape the way?