Hope

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Text: Romans 5:1-5

Intro:

1. Illustration: A Boy's Hope

Discussion:

1. The Word of God Gives Hope---Rom. 15:4
   1. Some Biblical Examples of problems:
      1. Lonely--Elijah found that God was still with him---1Kings 19:14
      2. Frightened--David was able to beat Goliath---1Sam 17:24-26
      3. Unfairly treated--Joseph from prison to Pharoah's court---Gen 38-41
      4. Crisis--Daniel's prayers saw him through the lion's den
   2. The promises of God give hope
      1. Jesus is with me---Matt 28:20; Heb 13:5
      2. God keeps His promises---Rom 4:18-21
      3. no matter how dark the night, the sun will come up---Rom 8:28
2. The Cross of Christ Gives Hope
   1. The cross reminds me that Someone truly loves me---John 15:13; John 13:1; Rom 8:32
   2. .The cross reminds me that God can forgive me---Rom 4:25; Col 1:21; 2Cor 5:19
3. The Empty Tomb Gives Hope
   1. The resurrection assures me that I too can change
      1. I can be a new creature---Rom 6:3-6
      2. I have a second chance to live for God---2Cor 5:17
      3. Hope helps me clean up my life---1John 3:1-4
   2. The resurrection assures me there is an eternal future better than I have ever known in this life
      1. An eternal home undefiled, spotless---1Peter 1:3-5
      2. Jesus is the resurrection and the life---John 11:25-26

Conclusion: