

Discover

Discover What God Has in Store For You

Reading: [1 Peter 1:20-21](#)

Introduction

- Some of us would like to know what others think of us.
 - We don't always get those opportunities.
 - A young person may send a note: "Do you like me? Check Y/N™
Sometimes we ask if someone is angry with us
 - Sometimes we want to know if we hurt someone.
 - Sometimes we want to know if someone is proud of us.

- God has let us know what he thinks of us.

[Jer. 29:11](#) I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord. thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Sure, this is not always what he thinks, but this is what He wants.

- How do I know? Because of the many verses proclaiming it
- Jesus came to bring peace on Earth: [Luke 2:14](#)

1. Discover That God wants Us to have peace

- Disclaimer: Jesus did not come to bring peace like some do.
 - People compromise with each other give and take with sinful things
 - People agree to Jesus doesn't do that.

[Matthew 10:34](#) "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

- Jesus came to bring peace between man and God

[Col. 1:20](#) and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

- Sin separates us from God, Jesus blood gives us peace with God
God wants peace with us; He always has and always will.

[1 Tim. 2:3-4](#) For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

[2 Peter 3:9](#) The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

- Many do not want to repent. Many want to stay in their sin God does wants us to have peace with Him
- "And not of evil"
 - This evil is unpeaceful things, things that are hurtful God does not want harm to come to us or horrible things, or unfortunate things to happen\

[Ezekiel 33:11](#) Say to them: "As I live," says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?

2. Discover that God Wants Us to Have a Future

Many worry about their future. Sometimes we're concerned about our future or our kids futures.

God has always wanted a good future for us John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly Life and even abundant life? Does Jesus want us to be rich?

In a sense yes. He wants us to be rich in grace, rich in mercy 1 Timothy 6:18 let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,

He wants us to be rich in righteousness For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 Corinthians 8:9

that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, you through His poverty might become rich. that

God has always planned for our future. 1 Pt. 1:20-21 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through

Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

3. Discover That God wants Us to have hope

Don't you think there was a tremendous change in the disciples attitudes when they discovered Jesus was alive after the crucifixion? Before the crucifixion, they thought He was the one

Lk 24:21 we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. When He was arrested to be crucified

Matthew 26:56 Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

The other's had to have same reaction as Thomas after the resurrection John 20:28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

All their hopes were dashed until Jesus rose again.

When the discovery is made that Jesus is alive, it changes our outlook We are amazed and we gain faith, because now we have hope

What does that look like? It looks like confidence, assurance, anticipation, expectation,

God wants us to have hope. He doesn't leave us in despair

Discover hope. Discover God wants us to have hope and a future.

Conclusion

The woman who had five husbands and living with another was discovered

hope in Jesus

The woman who faced certain death because of her sins was given another chance and discovered she had a future because of Jesus

The madman forced to live in tombs because he had a legion within him discovered Jesus and discovered peace.

of demons

That's what God wants for us, to give us peace, and a hope and a future