

A Hope That Maketh Not Ashamed

Rom. 5:5

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

In January 1945, Dr. Gordon Eadie wrote an article that included a statement repeated over radio and in pulpits the rest of that year. The statement highlighted the frame of mind young soldiers needed in the fight against Germany and Japan.

"We are trying to show him (our young soldiers) not only what we are fighting against, but what we are fighting for. So many of these boys have only a very hazy idea of the real issues of the war. About all they see is "going back to the good old days." This is a dangerous state. *If they don't stand for something, they will fall for anything.* They need to realize that we are fighting two wars—the war of arms and the war of ideas—that other war of which the war of arms is one phase."

In May Germany surrendered, in September Japan.

Christians, as the values of America were under assault in 1945, so the values and truths of God are today. It is not enough for us to know who we are fighting against, we must also know what we are fighting for.

Key Scriptures & Points

1. Our hope in God is not a bobber, it's an anchor...bobbers drift, anchors remain.

Heb. 6:19a - Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast,

1 Pet. 1:13 - Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

2. The world says Christians are hoping in fairy tales; what do you say?

- a. Is a supreme God real? His Son? The angels? Satan?
- b. Is creation a fairy tale?
- c. Are the formation and layers of the earth today the result of a worldwide flood?
- d. Was there really a Jesus in history?
- e. Do we really have a soul?
- f. Is there life after death? A Heaven? A Hell?
- g. Are we accountable for our bad? Rewarded for our good?
- h. Will death, sorrow, pain, and evil really be replaced with eternal bliss?
- i. Will we really receive new bodies to live eternally on a new earth under a new heaven?

3. Our hope is not a wish. Our hope is founded on FAITH!
Read Hebrews 11.

4. Never be ashamed of your faith and God will never be ashamed of you!

Mark 8:34-38 And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. 36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.