**CROSS WORDS**

**An on-line Bible study**

**Lesson 13**

*This week we will look to God’s Word for our thirteenth Cross Word. When you learn the Cross Word, please fill in the shaded boxes with each letter of the word. Each week we’ll add another word.*

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Readings, unless noted, taken from:

 [*Holy Bible: Evangelical Heritage Version*](https://ref.ly/logosres/hbehv?ref=BibleEHV.1Jn4.10&off=3&ctx=ive+through+him.+10%EF%BB%BF~This+is+love%3a+not+th). (2019). Milwaukee, WI: Northwestern Publishing House.

**Hebrews 10:23; 11:1, 2**

**23Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.**

**1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2For by it the people of old received their commendation.**

**Titus 2:11-14**

**11For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.**

**Romans 8:18-25**

**18For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

**1. Textual Thoughts**

* I have heard that some don’t believe they can grow by studying the Word this way. Remember this: I always have to study the texts this way. I grow every time. You can expand your study with a study Bible and a concordance. Look up the important words. Trace them throughout the Bible and see how the word is used in its context. Then try to understand the context in which the author is writing. Next, look to see if there are Bible truths in the verse or section. Keep a journal. Then summarize what you have studied into a single sentence. I’m certain you can fill many hours with your Bible study. Then, if you have questions, please contact me and I’ll get back to you. No, it’s not the same as a Bible class led by a teacher where we’re all together. But it works for me. The only thing I do that helps me a great deal, is that I am able to study the scriptures in the original languages. God bless your continued studies.
* **Hope** – The Greek concept of hope is that it is something we already possess but that we cannot entirely understand the benefit yet. For instance, we already, by God’s grace and through faith, possess the inheritance of the saints. But we will only receive the full benefit of what this means after Jesus returns on the last day. If you want a fuller understanding of what Hope is, please take your concordance and follow this word through a number of contexts.
* **Faith** – The Greek concept of faith means to put one’s full weight on something trusting it will not collapse. Please explore faith by following the use of this word throughout the New Testament. You will see a number of things. 1) Faith can be that which we believe; 2) Faith can be what we have in someone or something; 3) Faith – the Bible says we have what Jesus has done by or through faith. It never says “because of” faith.
* **Assurance** – To assure means to have or be given support for what one believes. Our faith is assured, that is, it is not in vain because Jesus arose from the dead. How does the LORD assure you through different times of life?
* **Conviction** – This is used as a synonym for faith. My faith is my conviction. Upon what is your conviction based? Convicts are people who have been proven to have broken the law. They’ve been convicted of their crimes.
* **Salvation** – To deliver; the act of delivering; the state of having been delivered. From what have you been delivered? By whom? Why?
* **Redeem** – To pay the ransom. What ransom was paid to save us? To whom was it paid? Why?
* **Patience** – In the Old Testament, the Hebrew literally says that patience means to be long of nose. The Hebrew noticed that the patient person took a long time for his nose to flare up. We as God’s people are to wait on the LORD for deliverance, strength, understanding, salvation, faith, and hope among other spiritual blessings.

**2. What does Hebrews 10:23 and 11:1, 2 teach us?**

* What is the “confession of our hope?” **THE PROFESSION OF THE RESURRECTION & HEAVEN**
* Who is the one who promised? **GOD**
* Prove from the scriptures the faithfulness of this one who promised? **ALL HIS PROMISES CAME TRUE**
* What is faith? **FAITH IS PUTTING ONES FULL WEIGHT ON SOMETHING/SOMEONE; FAITH CAN’T BE PROVED WITH TANGIBLE THINGS; CHRISTIAN FAITH RESTS UPON THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST**
* How is faith the assurance of what is hoped for when faith rests on what is not seen?
* What is hope? **HOPE IS A CERTAINTY NOT YET EXPERIENCED IN ITS FULNESS**
* How are they connected? **BOTH REST UPON THE PROMISES OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS**
* Who are the people of old? **THE OLD TESTAMENT BELIEVERS [READ THE REST OF THE CHAPTER]**
* What was their conviction? **THE LORD WOULD SEND THE MESSIAH TO DELIVER THEM OF SIN**

**3. What does Titus 2:11-14 teach us?**

* What does Paul mean when he states, “the **grace of God has appeared?” JESUS CHRIST CAME**
* What does Paul mean when he says, we’re “**waiting for our blessed hope?” JESUS’ RETURN**
* How are we in the New Testament the same as those of the Old? **WE’RE WATING FOR JESUS**
* What is lawlessness? **TO LIVE APPART FROM LAW, FROM GOD’S LAW. THE LAWLESS LIVE THEIR LIVES APART FROM WHAT COMMANDS AND FORBIDS, LIVING IN OPEN REBELLION AGAINST HIM.**
* How does Jesus Christ purify a people for himself? **1 JOHN 1:5 – 2:2**
* In what ways do you demonstrate your zeal in doing good works?

4. **What does Romans 8:18-25 teach us?**

* What are **“our sufferings of the present time?”** **LAWLESSNESS; NATIONAL DISREGARD FOR TRUTH; HEALTH CONCERNS & PANDEMIC; PRESSURE AGAINST CHRISTIANS; MORALITY; ETC.**
* How does all creation wait for the sons of God to be revealed? **IT WAITS FOR JUDGMENT DAY**
* Who are the **“sons of God?” ALL BELIEVERS**
* Prove that creation was made subject to futility and by whom? **BY GOD; MADE SUBJECT TO DEATH & DECAY**
* When will all creation be set free from its bondage? **WHEN JESUS RETURNS ON THE LAST DAY**
* Please explain from the Bible the “firstfruits of the Spirit.” **I CORINTHIANS 12; ACTS 2**
* We wait for the redemption of our bodies. What does this mean? How ought we to live in view of this?

**PAUL IS REFERRING TO THE SECOND REDEMPTION, THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD WHEN WE WILL RECEIVE GLORIFIED BODIES HAVING BEEN REDEEMED FROM DEATH ITSELF AND THE GRAVE.**

**WE LIVE WITH PATIENCE AS WE SEE ALL THE TURBULENCE OF OUR TIMES IN GOD’S WORLD. OF COURSE, WE ALSO WAIT FOR THAT DAY KEEPING THE GREAT COMMISSION EVER BEFORE US.**

* Why do we need hope especially in days of trouble? **SO WE DON’T LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT’S TO COME**

**5. Our CrossWord for this week is \_HOPE\_**

**6. For further study**

* **Read the Letter to the Hebrews in its entirety.**
* **Read 1 John in its entirety.**