

- I. ONE THING—The One Thing that I'd like to take away from today's class and believe God to accomplish in my life is:

II. MEDITATION

B. Review your class notes from Tuesday.

- Take some time to think about the main ideas of the lesson. If you want to add details to your notes, you'll find the audio message on our website under the Resources tab. ([www.DivineDesignDiscipleship.com](http://www.DivineDesignDiscipleship.com)).
- Which of the scriptures referenced were particularly meaningful to you? Write out those verses below and spend some time studying them this week.

C. Rewrite your One Thing into a prayer, expressing your heart's desire for God to make this truth become your experience.

### III. PRINCIPLES

Use the principles found in these Scriptures to help you understand the concept of Living Hope:

#### A. HOPE OF GLORY

- We are the most blessed of all people! We have been given a Double Portion of Living Hope because:
  - Christ is in us: Col 1:27— To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
  - We are “in Christ”: Eph 1:11-12 MSG— It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.
- We all hope for God’s greatest purpose being accomplished in our lives, that we would become more and more like Jesus. (Rom 8:29)
- The reality for all of us is that there are places where we have yet to experience transformation—we’re still waiting: Rom 8:24-25 TPT—Hope means that we must trust and wait for what is still unseen. For why would we need to hope for something we already have? So because our hope is set on what is yet to be seen, we keep on waiting patiently for its fulfillment.
- These areas can become a Doorway to Hope even though they might be negative things like our past, deficits, habits, or character flaws: 2 Peter 1:4 NLT-- He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires.
- Promises are not only Doorways of Hope for lives more like Jesus. They are a place to stand throughout the whole process.
- Whenever we put our hope in God by standing on His promise, we are in position to experience His faithfulness and build deeper relationship with Him!
- Experiencing this -- all that is ours in Christ and all that is He desires to be for us as He indwells us -- opens many wonderful doors. Freedom & intimacy are just starters.

Insights:

#### B. SURETY

- Surety is an old-fashioned word that appears in our hymnals. It means “assurance, source of hope or confidence.” (Dictionary.com)

- We have the hope of experiencing absolute confidence in God regardless of our ever-changing circumstances because His Word stands firm:
  - Num 23:19 NLT-- God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?
  - Is 46:11 AMP-- Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, *be assured* I will do it.
  - Is 55:11-- So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.
- Standing on the promises of God helps us gain and sustain Living Hope.
- We want to have more and more of His Word in the “Fully Persuaded” category, or in “The Vault.” Peace and stability come with every promise.
- When you don’t know what to think, go back to what you’re sure you know. Start your own Vault List and review it in times when you’re struggling. It will help you get to a solid place.

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### C. PURITY

- Our lives have not only been cleansed from sin, but its power has been broken.
- Though not earned, our salvation’s sure and our record’s spotless because of Christ.
  - Col 1:13-14 NLT-- For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.
  - Col 1:22 NIV-- He has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation
  - Rom 6:6-10 MSG-- Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer at sin’s every beck and call! What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ’s sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end. Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us.

- Rom 7:4 NLT-- You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God.
- Our Living Hope includes freedom from death and unbroken relationship with the Lord both now and in eternity. We also have the potential to bear Kingdom fruit.

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#### D. SECURITY

- We need never wonder where we stand with God. Our acceptance, love, and worth are settled by what Jesus has done and will do on our behalf:
  - Col 3:3 MSG-- Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your *real* life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. *He* is your life.
  - Eph 3:12 NLT-- Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.
  - Rom 8:15 TPT—You did not receive the spirit of religious duty, leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the “Spirit of Full Acceptance,” enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as He rises up within us, our spirits join Him in saying the words of tender affection, “Beloved Father!”
  - Rom 8:31-34,38 NLT-- If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us... And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

- 1 Jn 1:9 AMP-- If we [freely] admit that we have sinned *and* confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us *continually* from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose].
- There is no reason to ever again allow the negativity of accusation, condemnation, guilt, or shame to be our focus. Instead, we can rejoice in Him who has given us Living Hope for a life of righteousness both now and forever!

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## E. MATURITY

- Growth comes as we realize that we are supernatural = 100% me + 100% Jesus!
- God matures our character as we stay close to Him, turn our backs on our flesh, experience His goodness, and, wait for His promises to be fulfilled.
  - Jn 15:5 MSG-- "I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant.
  - Rom 8:4 TPT—We are free to live, not according to our flesh, but by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit!
  - 1 Cor 2:12 AMP-- Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize *and* comprehend *and* appreciate the gifts [of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God.
  - 2 Tim 1:12 Phillips-- Yet I am not in the least ashamed. For I know the one in whom I have placed my confidence, and I am perfectly certain that the work he has committed to me is safe in his hands until that day.
- The Lord's glory is made manifest through the endurance of His faithful followers as well as by His provision, answers, and miracles.

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## F. AUTHORITY

- Having Jesus in our lives gives us authority over all that would hinder us from realizing a glorious destiny in Him.
- Ask for and begin to operate in all the gifts and blessings Jesus died to give you:
  - Gal 5:22-23 TPT—The fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is...Joy that overflows, Peace that subdues, Patience that endures, Kindness on display, a life full of Virtue, Faith that prevails, Gentleness of heart, and Strength of spirit.
  - 2 Cor 1:20 NLT--For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.
  - 1 Jn 4:4-- He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
  - Eph 4:27 NAS-- do not give the devil an opportunity.
  - Jm 4:7— Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- God has provided everything we need to spend our moments and days enjoying Living Hope.
- Take time this week to ponder the areas you are not experiencing hope. Go back over today's Scriptures and find the ones that directly address those places. Take them to the Lord in prayer and ask Him to make them your experience in the days to come. Record what happens so that your Living Hope can grow more and more!

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