

Hope

Introduction

- Hope: to want or expect something, a confident desire, the likelihood of success
- What reason do we have to hope that God is listening and that he cares?

Matthew 7.24-27

Main Points: what can we build our hope on?

1. the _____ of God:
 - a. _____, immortal, infallible, holy/righteous/just, merciful, loving.
 - b. God cannot act contrary to His nature
 - c. God is: Exodus 3.14
2. the _____ of God
 - a. The Word of God, _____ and _____
_____ records the promises of God, the chief among them being eternal life for all who have received the gift of grace
 - i. The triumph of good or evil
 - ii. The totality of “thy kingdom come”
 - b. 1John 2.25 -- ²⁵And this is what he promised us—eternal life.
 - c. Hope is said to be the _____ of the soul, and the word of God is able to save the soul.¹
3. nothing less than Jesus’ _____ and _____

 - a. Our salvation is established by the work of Christ, who declared from the cross, “it is finished.” Our salvation isn’t secured by our _____, but by the _____ of God. By grace alone, through faith alone, and even that is a gift from God – Ephesians 2.8-9
 - b. 2Corinthians 3.12-14
 - c. Put your _____ in Christ and your _____

will be secure

Conclusion

- God is _____ to himself
- He keeps his _____
- His grace is _____

¹Charles Hodge, [*Systematic Theology*](#), vol. 2 (Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997), 48.