

What if I keep my


HOPE IN GOD

for myself only?

Though I have hope for St. James church, I won't care to help in any way to grow the church.

What did Covid do to you?

- **Thankful to God?**
- **Became closer, more prayerful to God?**
- **Careful with your health and others'?**
- **Want to be closer with your love ones?**
- **Felt sorry for those who suffered, died?**
- **Are you now more compassionate and caring for others?**

I 

ME

MYSELF

AND I

ONLY

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12, NIV

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.



← Paul's First Journey
 ← Paul's Second Journey
 ← Paul's Third Journey
 ← Paul's Journey To Rome

Paul shared hope in Christ even when...

- His mission work was not EASY
- Paul & his team were always in DANGER.
Except in BEREA.
- Paul SHARED not only the Gospel, their LIFE as well
- To believers in Christ, Paul did these: ENCOURAGED, COMFORTED, URGED

Sharing hope in Christ resulted to...

- God's Word truly CHANGED lives
- The Thessalonian church became a MODEL church
- Despite sufferings, the Thessalonian church was their HOPE, JOY, CROWN
- God was GLORIFIED!

GOD'S MERCY AND
GRACE GIVE ME
HOPE - FOR
MYSELF, AND FOR
OUR WORLD.

- Billy Graham

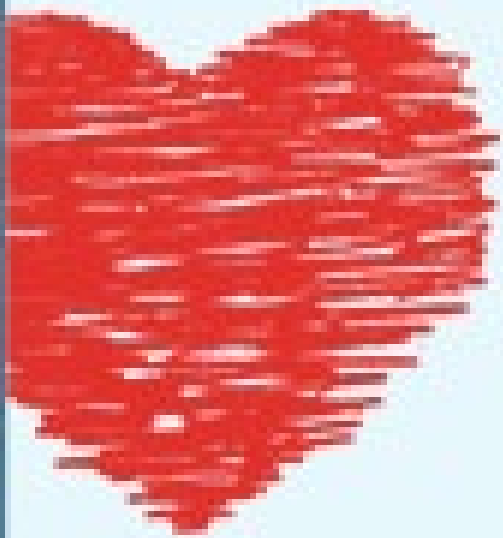
ColorQuotes.com

But we are not definitely like Paul...

- You and I can also be UNSELFISH to share our hope in Christ with others
- God does not (always) ask us to do EXTRAORDINARY things in daily life
- Do ordinary acts of KINDNESS and say hope-filled WORDS to others
- God wants us to SHARE our hope in Christ in simple ways you can

So really, why share your hope?

- So that others will believe and live with HOPE IN CHRIST
- So that you yourself can be convinced you do have HOPE IN CHRIST
- Our hope in Christ, in His promised return, AFFIRMS and PROTECTS our life today
- *One more time: Are you going to keep your hope in Christ for yourself only?*



Share Your Story
of
hope.

SHARE YOUR
LIFE



God is Telling you
Today..

CHRISTIAN
TODAY

ADMIT, CONFESS, and ASK FORGIVENESS for my selfish, critical, judgmental attitude of others

Ask God to change your heart!



HOPE

Who should I start with?

Invite family and friends to join me in SJPC to understand and live with hope in Christ

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

What if I keep my

HOPE IN GOD

for myself only?

I have much hope for St. James church. I will care and help in any way to grow the church.