

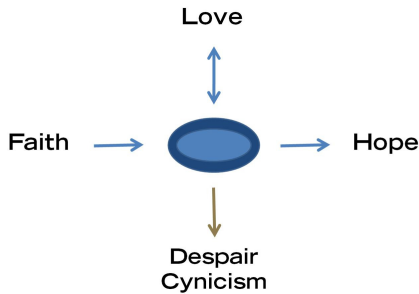


Deepening Hope – Part 1

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Quick Review



Ingredients for Hope—Peace

Some Tough Problems:

The Metaphysical Problem

The Necessity of _____

The Existential Problem

The Necessity of _____

The Anthropological Problem

The Necessity of _____

Jesus-The Incarnate God

- Revelation
- Relationship
- Reconciliation

Peace

Peace with God—Romans 5:1-11

Peace of God—Philippians 4:4-7

Conclusion

Thereby [by the incarnation], He set a window into the tiny dark dungeon of the ego in which we all languish, letting in a light, providing a vista, and offering a way of release from the servitude of the flesh and the fury of the will into what St. Paul called *the glorious liberty of the children of God*.

— *Malcolm Muggeridge , Seeing through the Eye*

Community Meditation

- Is it harder for you to KNOW God is real or to KNOW God is near?
- Or is God's realness and nearness coupled together in your experience?
- In what ways does Jesus reveal to us who God is? Spend some time reading in the gospel of Luke this week and make some notes about Jesus' character.
- Read Romans 5:1-11—What does it mean that we were once enemies with God? Why is peace with God so precious?
- How can peace with God lead to a more peaceful life? Read and Discuss Philippians 4:1-7.

Jacob's Well is a Christian Community which exists for the glory of God and the good of the city by extending hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ.