

## I. INTRODUCTION

- A. We must choose humility

## II. WHAT IS THE HOPE?

- A. People who clothe themselves with Christlike humility can have the hope of experiencing God's favor (**1 Peter 5:5**)

1. God opposes the proud but shows favor (grace) to the humble (**Proverbs 3:34**)
2. God opposes the proud because of the destructive nature of pride (**Psalms 10:4-6**)
3. God shows favor, grace toward those who clothe themselves with humility and uses them to demonstrate Christ's humility

- B. People who clothe themselves with Christlike humility can have the hope of being lifted up by God's hand (**1 Peter 5:6**)

1. God lifts up the humble
  - a. Jesus taught that we clothe ourselves with humility with the choices we make not to exalt ourselves (**Luke 14:7-11**)
2. He will lift up the humble "in due time"
  - a. So now we wait for God and learn to trust God's person, God's word, God's ways and God's timing
3. One of the evidences of pride is becoming impatient with God when He doesn't answer or act in our expected time frame
4. The humble accept God's time as perfect and know no matter what they suffer, God will "lift them up in due time." That's their living hope

- C. People who clothe themselves with Christlike humility can have the hope of living in the peace of God's care (**1 Peter 5:7**)

1. We all have anxiety at some level. Whatever worries us we can cast on God because He cares for us
  - a. He cares for you—not just everyone corporately, but for each one of us with forethought and interest in our well-being (**Matthew 10:19-31**)
2. How do we cast all our anxiety on Him?
3. When we cast all our cares on God, He will do this:
  - a. Give us courage to face our cares (**Isaiah 41:10**)
  - b. Give us wisdom to understand the situation (**James 1:5**)
  - c. Gives us strength to do what we must do (**Philippians 4:13**)
  - d. Gives us the faith to trust Him to do the rest (**Psalms 37:5**)

(From *The Bible Commentary*, Warren Wiersbe, vol 2, p 432)

4. God takes our cares and gives us a living hope

## III. CONCLUSION

## SOMETHING NEW TO ME

## WHAT I HEARD ABOUT THE GOSPEL

## SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. How would you define biblical humility and why is it important?

2. Peter said we could cast all our anxiety on God because He cares for us. How do we do that?

## ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good

Wise

Wrathful

Merciful

Just

Jealous

Faithful

Perfect

Holy

Gracious

Patient

Love

Other:

## KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Humility –

Exalt –

Favor –

## NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD