

# International Fiesta Sunday

How can we remain hopeful in a hopeless situation?

Have you thought “*Why try? What’s the point?*”

Hopelessness is the feeling that the person, project, or thing you placed your hope in, **will not** or **cannot** meet your expectations.

Hope is placing our confidence in a person or thing **that will** meet our expectations.

*Psalm 33:22 May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in You.*



**OUR HOPE IS FOUND IN GOD’S LOVE FOR US.**

God’s love is unconditional.

*God’s...love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8b*

God’s unconditional love towards reveals His character.

*John 13:34 (nlt) ...I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.*

**Unconditional love is an act of the will, more than an emotion. God decided to love us.**

Our hope is found in God's choice to love us.

Our hope is found in knowing God's love will comfort us.

**Jesus is God's choice of how to express His unconditional love toward us.**

*Ephesians 2:4-5 (niv) But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions (sins) - it is by grace you have been saved.*

*Romans 8:38-39 (nlt) I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today (anxiety) nor our worries (uncertainty) about tomorrow - not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below - indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*1 John 4:9-10 (nlt) God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. <sup>10</sup> This is real love - not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.*

*Colossians 1:21-22 (nlt) you who were once far away from God. You were His enemies, separated from Him by your evil thoughts and actions. <sup>22</sup> Yet now He has reconciled you*

*to Himself through the death of Christ in His physical body. As a result, He has brought you into His own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before Him without a single fault.*

***Romans 5:8*** *God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

We all have been invited to place our hope in God's unending love for us that is only found in a relationship with Jesus.

*May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in You. Psalm 33:22*

**When life is uncertain, God is not! God is always active, even in uncertain times.**

When times are difficult, or uncertain, pray and keep praying until God's peace floods our mind and our heart.

This prepares us to know with confidence that our hope is found in God's unending and unconditional love for us that is only found in a relationship with Jesus.

***Colossians 1:25-27*** *(erv) I became a servant of the church because God gave me a special work to do. This work helps you. My work is to tell the complete message of God.<sup>26</sup> This message is the secret truth that was hidden*

*since the beginning of time. It was hidden from everyone for ages, but now it has been made known to God's holy people. <sup>27</sup> God decided to let His people know just how rich and glorious that truth is. **That secret truth, which is for all people, is that Christ lives in you, His people. He is our hope for glory.***

## **Summary**

1. Our hope is found in God's love for us.
2. When times are uncertain – God is not!