

The Easter Difference: Hope
Psalm 130:1-7; Romans 5:1-5
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- I. Introduction: Alexander the Great (356-23 BC)
- II. Series: The Easter Difference
- III. Hope without God: wish
- IV. Hope before Easter (Ps. 130:1-7)
 - A. “The depths” (130:1)
 - B. What to do? (130:5, 7)
 - C. Based on God’s character (130:4, 7)
 - D. Hope = trust
- V. Hope after Easter (Rom. 5:1-5)
 - A. “Justified by faith” (5:1)
 - B. “Hope of sharing in the glory of God” (5:2)
 - C. Sorites/climax (5:3-4)
 - 1. “Suffering produces endurance” (5:3)
 - 2. “Endurance produces character” (5:4)
 - 3. “Character produces hope” (5:4)
 - D. “Hope does not disappoint” (5:5)
- VI. Application
 - A. God’s hope gives the power to persist
 - B. God’s hope is found in suffering
 - C. God’s hope does not disappoint
- VII. Conclusion: Jane Goodall (1934-)
Reason for Hope: A Spiritual Journey (1999)