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A Hope that Does Not Disappoint

Let's talk about the word disappoint. Does everyone know what *disappoint* means? There are many verses in the Bible that talk about the word *disappoint*. What is one of those verses? Rom 5:5 — Why does that hope not disappoint? Because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. That is a wonderful statement. If the hope of eternal life — the faith (the state) of having it — has ever disappointed you, it means that you haven't had the love of God poured out in your heart by the Holy Spirit. The hope that we have — the hope of eternal life — does not disappoint.

Rom 5:5 — The love it talks about here is *agape* love. In the world we didn't have it, but now we do. In the world we had *phileo* love — we tried to love mother, father, brother, sister; this was not an enduring love — but it is such a strong love to some people. But when you receive *agape* love it overpowers *phileo* love. It causes you to give up dream houses, farms and family to be worthy of Him. We will never be disappointed if we give up everything for Him. Rom 10:11 — This says that whoever believes in Him will never be disappointed or put to shame. Verse 13 — Believe here means to “have faith.” At one time we didn't have faith — Gal 3:23-25 — but faith came to us by hearing (verse 17). It's just like *agape* love — at one time we didn't have it, but it came (verse 23).

When faith came we were no longer under the law (verse 25) — we put on Messiah at baptism. At one time we didn't have Messiah in us; now we do by faith coming to us at baptism. At one time we were naked (in a sense), but now we are clothed with Him (verse 27). I just wanted to give you understanding of the word disappoint. Rom 10:11 — In some translations it says, “will never be disappointed,” and in others it says, “will never be ashamed.” It says that because the reason a person would be ashamed of Messiah is because he is disappointed. If a person is disappointed, then they were never appointed in the first place. They feel like they called on His name one time and now they're disappointed — they were never appointed. If we call on His name we will never be disappointed.

DIS — to undo, to take away, disjoin, disengage, disown (like when a Jew marries a gentile, he is disowned by his Jewish parents). 1 Cor 6:17 — We can't be *disjoined* from Messiah because we have become one Spirit with Him and He can't disown or deny Himself. *Dis* — to undo. Our Master came to *undo* what Satan did (1 John 3:8), to disjoin us from Satan and join us to Himself. Once you have been joined to Messiah, you can't be disjoined — you are *joined* to Him. *Dis* — reverses an action, as in *dis-establish*. *Dis* actually means to reverse an action (a reversal happens). We were in another kingdom (Satan's kingdom), and our Father disengaged (transferred) us out of that kingdom into the kingdom of His Son, Col 1:13.

Appoint — An appointed time is something that can't be dis-appointed (like the festivals, the Sabbath). It is something that will always be — a fixed time and season. A *moed* is a time appointed by God that can't be dis-appointed. It is a fixed time or season (like the festival in the summer) and it can't be undone. Summer is a fixed season; it is an appointment; it can't be undone. *Appoint* means fixed by decree or command.

If you have been appointed to eternal life, you can't be *dis-appointed*. Our God has commanded a blessing on us — eternal life, Ps 133:3. Acts 13:47-48 — We are commanded here: those who are appointed, are *ordained* for eternal life (like the President appoints people for his cabinet — there is an appointment that takes place). We can't be *dis-appointed* if we have hope. We can't be *dis-joined*; Messiah can't disjoin Himself. Whoever is one spirit with Him can't be *dis-*

*appointed*. We may be severed from the Body because of an act we commit, but not from Him if we've been joined to Him.

Acts 13:48 — This is marvelous. It's good news, right? That whoever believes will not be disappointed because He commands the blessing — to have eternal life — to those who are in unity. Because we're believers we're in unity, and whoever has unity has eternal life.

Dis-unity — Are you in unity or dis-unity? Are you in unity with your husband to whom you've been joined? Are you in unity with your parents who you were born from? Our Master said that all who believe will be one just like the Father and Son are one, John 17:21. We can't be in dis-unity. The minute we're in dis-unity we repent.

Appoint — means to determine, by the power of God. He is the appointor — the one who appoints — and we've been appointed to eternal life. He appointed us that we might bear fruit, John 15:16. If we don't bear much fruit, we don't belong to Him. It has been appointed to us to do this and it can't be undone. It has been appointed to us to bear 30, 60 or 100 fold because we're in the good soil. Some bear 100 fold — this is the greatest thing for a farmer — a bumper crop. A farmer can rejoice if a crop produces 30 fold, and it's great if it produces 60 fold, but 100 fold is tremendous. It's been appointed to us to produce 100, 60 or 30 fold; if you're on the vine, you'll bear much fruit, John 15:8. Our Father is the *appointor* (like an estate — it is under the power of appointment by the appointor).

Gen 15:18 — Our Father appointed the land to Abraham — and he is going to get it (his descendants will outnumber the stars). This is something that won't be undone, Acts 13:48; Acts 22:10; Acts 17:26 & 31. Luke 22:29 — it says “granted” (in NASB), but it actually is *appointed* (covenanted). This means it's fixed — it can't be dis-appointed because it's by God's covenant and by His authority. Whatever He has appointed can't be dis-appointed. Whatever man appoints can be dis-appointed (like someone appointed to the president's cabinet — one day he's appointed and if he doesn't fulfill his obligations, then the next day he can be dis-appointed). But what God appoints can not be dis-appointed. We will not be dis-appointed because He has sealed us with His Holy Spirit until the day of redemption. If we are dis-appointed, then God has not appointed us.

There was something appointed for Paul to do. Did he do it? 2 Tim 4:7-8. Are you going to do what you've been appointed to do? If you're appointed you will. What did Paul do? Rom 15:16. Paul was appointed to be a minister of Messiah to the nations — ministering the gospel of God — an offering to God of the nations. Our Father appoints (ordains) those whom He calls to form the twelve tribes.

If we call on His name we will never be dis-appointed. He is never going to dis-appoint us. He has given us that hope. Why won't we be dis-appointed? Because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts, because He has appointed us, He's given us hope — we have it! If we don't have love, we can't give it. We can't give what we don't have. If we have it, we can give it. Christianity can't give it because they don't have it, 1 Cor 2:10.

Mal 3:18 — We will be distinguished from all other people — those who serve Him and those who don't. We serve Him by the love that's been poured out in our hearts. That's why we sensed love when we came here — we sensed something different than anywhere else on earth. Those who had love gave it. We have the faith to impart love (to give it) to others. Faith is a gift that comes by hearing words through a person — it comes from inside — the Spirit and the word mixed together. The Spirit comes from the *belly* (the innermost part) and mixes with the words of our Master, Rom 10:17. A person must hear these words of life before they can be saved, John 13:20 — “*Whoever receives you receives Me*” — that's reconciliation. “*And whoever receives*

*Me receives the Father who sent Me.*” Luke 10:16 — Have you ever been rejected? If you went on the Billy Graham Crusade you were rejected. Whoever rejects us, rejects Messiah.

Acts 13:45-48 — They were unworthy of eternal life. Those who are appointed for eternal life — believe (verse 48). What made you worthy of eternal life? You were willing to do His will, John 7:17. Then you took up your cross and followed Him (Mt 10:37-38) and renounced everything else that stood in the way between you and Messiah. That made you worthy (compatible, comparable) of Him. This is the most wonderful thing to know. He died to get me, I died to get him. We became worthy of Him when we were baptized — joined together with Him. If we’re not willing to die with Him we can’t be joined to Him — we wouldn’t be comparable to Him. I no longer live for myself — 2 Cor 5:15. These are the simple things we need to hear over and over again so we can explain to people — faith comes by hearing (Rom 1:17) and we live by it also.

Can two walk together unless they agree — if there are dissensions and arguments? If you are not for Him you are against Him. You can’t walk with Him unless you agree. When we gave up our lives at baptism, we crucified ourselves on the cross. Now we have love. If you don’t have love, you were not appointed. If you love you can love. Do you love your wife? Then you can love her. If you don’t love her, you can’t love her. If you have love, you can love with the love you have.

Let’s verbalize our love and affection for our Master — speak it. We love Him as He loves us. Prove it by loving, Ps 116:1.

Remember — if you have been given faith, it’s yours. All you have to do is ask for grace and it’s yours. Our Master gives us His strength if we ask for grace. Ask in Yahshua’s name — that’s what it’s for. Say, “Father, I need your grace — in Yahshua’s name,” and you’ll receive it. If you don’t go to Him and ask in time of need, you’re like the devil (he would never go to Him for grace). Grace is the only thing we have to resist evil. Only when we overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony will He return, Rev 12:11; Eph 3:12; Heb 4:16.