

THAT BLESSED HOPE  
TITUS 2:13

Introduction:

- A. The blessed hope is in fact the "happy hope," the hope that brings joy.
  - 1. Blessed = happy, prosperous.
  - 2. hope = The expected, certainty.
  
- B. This is the happy hope because it promises translation, rather than death.
  - 1. The living at the time of Christ's return will be changed.
  - 2. I Thess. 4:13-18.

I. "LOOKING."

- A. proskochomai = to receive to one's self, to receive to companionship, to expect, look for, wait for.
  - 1. This is not mental illness!
  - 2. It is based on fact.
    - a. He came once, He shall again.
    - b. The Bible tells me so!
  
- B. Such looking brings health to the souls of men.
  - 1. It answers questions about the future.
  - 2. It softens the heart against one's foes and critics.
    - a. One day things will be put in order.
  - 3. It encourages clean living.
  - 4. It encourages us to work.
  - 5. It encourages us to study and pray.
  
- C. What are you looking for?
  - 1. Looking for my ship to come in!
  - 2. Waiting for retirement!

II. "THAT BLESSED HOPE AND GLORIOUS APPEARING."

- A. These occur at the same time.
  - 1. Blessed hope and;
  - 2. Glorious appearing, or the appearing of the glory of our great God.
  
- B. His first appearing was not in glory but in shame.
  - 1. Born in a manger.
  - 2. Ridiculed and accursed.
  - 3. Nailed to a cross.
  
- C. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ!