

The Importance of Connection: Hope

Matthew 1:1-17

The Gospel of Matthew begins with Jesus' genealogy, showing us his humanity and connection to the past. God's purposes and timing are woven into history and perfectly carried out according to his plan.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (Galatians 4:4-5)

Like Jesus, our connection to the past is important and should be understood in light of God's plan of redemption.

We Have a History that Reveals Hope

People are important

We are fragile and temporal

Our imperfect ancestors show the need for grace

We play a bit part in a bigger purpose

God's purposes connect us

God's faithfulness is constantly demonstrated

We Have Future Hope through Past Promises

Abraham (*Galatians 3:16, 29*)

David (*2 Chronicles 7:17-18, Romans 15:12*)

We Are Adopted into a New Family and Everlasting Hope

(*Romans 8:14-17*)

Through the Spirit we become children of God

As children of God, we are heirs with Christ

As heirs, we will be glorified with Christ