



# HOPE FOR LIFE

BIBLICAL COUNSELING & EQUIPPING

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## past

It's hard to believe that it's been over ten years since we returned to Fresno to pursue the call to biblical counseling. Looking back, it has been a turbulent and trying, yet also very blessed, decade of sharing God's all-sufficient Word with hundreds of believers (not to mention, non-believers who made the decision to give their lives to Christ).

We thank God for all of you who have directly or indirectly supported HFL over these past ten years. As in everything, all the glory goes to God and the fruit comes from Him, but this ministry would not be here without our many generous supporters. Thank you!

## present

We have also taken on a "side-job" of sorts. Actually, it is anything but a side-job, as it is one of great importance to us. Some like-minded, faithful-to-the-Bible friends, who share our deep concerns about how churches are handling God's Word, decided to step out in faith with us and start a new church. Last October, a small group of us began meeting, and we have been blessed ever since.

The vision of Hope Bible Church is essentially the same as that of Hope for Life--to be faithful to the truth of Scripture [2 Tim 2:1], to equip and strengthen believers [Eph 4:11-15], and to reach out to unbelievers with God's gospel of grace [Mk 16:15-16]. **HBC Website:** HopeBible.org

## future

Lately, when people ask the question: "How is the ministry going?" we usually answer along the lines of, "The *ministry* is going great ... but the financial part, well ... that's another story." While we continue to provide biblical counseling at no cost, our support has steadily dwindled, as everyone feels the crunch.

Surprisingly, there has been a positive aspect of the distressed economy: more and more people are searching for and finding free counseling through Hope For Life. We have discovered that a lot of new counselees are connecting with us through online searches for "Free Christian Counseling" -- at a rate of at least once or twice a week.

With that said, if you believe in what this ministry stands for and provides, if you or someone you know has been blessed by or received free counseling in the past from Hope for Life, would you please consider supporting us financially and prayerfully so that we can continue serving our community and the body of Christ?

Above all, please continue to pray for the future of this vital ministry. Ultimately, we don't know what the future holds, but we trust the One that does.

Receiving counseling from Hope For Life was the biggest blessing God sent my way during a very difficult time in my life. Mark's constant encouragement to get into God's Word took my Christian walk to a higher level, all by the power of the Holy Spirit. My circumstances didn't change, but I learned to look at them through God's biblical principles. I can truly say that my faith has consistently grown and gotten stronger in the last 3 years of trials; something I couldn't say 4 years ago. -- a sister in Christ

# 10 YEARS OF MINISTRY

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