

Unwrapping the Promises of Jesus

Promise of HOPE

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What is hope? What is your hope?

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have"

1 Peter 3:15

Hope for a follower of Jesus is to place trust in the promises of Jesus.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

John 5:24

"For my Father's will is that all who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." John 6:40

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe?'"

John 11:24

Early followers of Jesus put all their hope in eternal life.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time."

1 Peter 1:3-5

Hope for Today & Hope for Tomorrow: His Presence with us

*"we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. **We were given this hope when we were saved.**"*

Romans 8:23-24

Additional Reading - Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 4&5, 1 Peter 1

Invite Him into your day

"...if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Deuteronomy 4:29

"If you seek him, he will be found by you."

1 Chronicles 28:9

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord"

Jeremiah 29:12-14

*"I pray that God, the source of **hope**, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with **confident hope** through the power of the Holy Spirit"*

Romans 15:13