

**GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**OUR HOPE IN CHRIST-PT 2**  
**JOHN 14:1-3**

**Introduction**

As **BELIEVERS IN CHRIST** we have **ANOTHER KIND** of **HOPE...** a **DIFFERENT KIND** of **HOPE!** In fact, we have a **BETTER KIND** of **HOPE** than what this world affords!

The **HOPE** that is used in **SCRIPTURE** is not that of wishful thinking, but rather it is that of a **FIRM ASSURANCE** or a **CONFIDENT EXPECTATION** of some things because of the **PROMISES OF GOD** given us because of our **FAITH** in the **LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

The reason that we can have a **FULL** and **FIRM ASSURANCE** of what is to come, is because of the **SOURCE** of our **HOPE!** Our **HOPE** comes from the **LORD GOD** and **HIM ALONE!**

**GOD ALONE** can be **BELIEVED** because **TRUTH** is part of **HIS PERSON!** **TRUTH** is part of **HIS ESSENTIAL NATURE!**

**GOD ALONE** has the **POWER** to carry out what **HE PROMISES!**

We are focusing on **OUR HOPE IN CHRIST** as seen in these three verses!

*Last week we saw:*

- I. *WE HAVE THE HOPE OF A PRESENT REFUGE IN CHRIST!*
- II. *WE HAVE THE HOPE OF A FUTURE RESIDENCE IN CHRIST!*

Now in the latter part of *Vs 2* we see the third *HOPE WE HAVE IN CHRIST!*

- III. **WE HAVE THE HOPE OF A FULL REDEMPTION IN CHRIST!** (*Vs 2b*) ***"I go to prepare a place for you."***

**JESUS** was not telling **HIS DISCIPLES** that **HE** was going to ***"build them a mansion"***. **HE** just asserted the fact that the **MANSIONS** are already there. - ***"In my FATHER'S house ARE many mansions..."***

Don't think for one minute that the **FATHER** has these **DWELLING PLACES** for us, these **MANSIONS**, and that **JESUS ASCENDED** to **HEAVEN** to **FINISH** them out for us! That is **NOT** what **HE** is saying!

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So, in what way was **JESUS** ***"going to prepare a place"*** for them and us? Well, for context, let's look back at what **JESUS** said about **HIS going?** (*John 13:33, 36*)

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Now think with me? **WHERE WAS JESUS GOING?**

**FIRST, JESUS Was Going To The CROSS To PREPARE A PLACE For Us By Paying Our Sin Debt And Thereby Purchasing Our FULL REDEMPTION Making Us Ready For HEAVEN!**

There are all those **MANSIONS** in the **FATHER'S HOUSE** but none of the **DISCIPLES** and no one else in history was worthy to be there with the **FATHER** but **THE SON!**

**Get this because it is important!**

**IN OUR SIN there was NO PLACE for us to go with JESUS to be with the HEAVENLY FATHER and HIM!**

We lacked the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** needed to be able to go there!

*Revelation 21:27*—***"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."***

*1 Corinthians 6:9–11*—***"9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."***

When **JESUS** said ***"I go to prepare a place,"*** **HE** was saying **HE** was going to make a **WAY** for them and us to be **SANCTIFIED** to be able to go there! That **PLACE** could not be **PREPARED** for us without **JESUS** having done what **HE** did on the **CROSS!**

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**Being IN CHRIST is the ONLY WAY to get to HEAVEN to be with the HEAVENLY FATHER and CHRIST!**

Our entrance into **HEAVEN** was secured by **CHRIST** on the **CROSS** of **CALVARY**. **HE** was telling **HIS DISCIPLES** that **HE** was going to do what they (and we) could not do!

Well, where is that **PLACE** that **CHRIST PREPARED** for us? Get this! **IT IS IN HIM! IN CHRIST!**

**JESUS** went to **CALVARY**, shed **HIS BLOOD** and gave **HIS LIFE** as a **SACRIFICE** and **SUBSTITUTE** for all mankind! And because of **HIS FINISHED WORK** there on the **CROSS** we have the **HOPE OF FULL REDEMPTION IN CHRIST!**

**IN CHRIST**, we go to be with **HIM** either when we **DIE PHYSICALLY** or **WHEN JESUS COMES BACK FOR US!**

Some might say, but wait a minute our **SOUL** and **SPIRIT** have been **REDEEMED** but what about our **BODY**? It is **ASSURED** and it is **COMING!**

*Romans 8:11– “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”*

*Romans 8:23– “...ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.”*

*e.g. Israel was REDEEMED from her bondage in EGYPT and then the LORD led her to her INHERITANCE in the PROMISED LAND! She was REDEEMED the night of the first PASSOVER, but she didn't realize the REDEMPTION FULLY until she occupied the PROMISED LAND! She was led of the LORD to that place!*

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*Ephesians 1:13–14– “13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”*

*“inheritance” = refers to the complete experience of SALVATION that GOD promises to us who are HIS people but which we have yet to receive in full. This experience will culminate in the REDEMPTION of our bodies upon JESUS' return for us!*

**GOD'S gift of the HOLY SPIRIT is the pledge and first payment for our final INHERITANCE IN CHRIST!**

*1 Thessalonians 4:14–18– “14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”*

Without **REDEMPTION** we would not have **HOPE** of that **REFUGE** or **RESIDENCE** that we talked about last week!

Without **RIGHTEOUSNESS** we could **NOT** enter **HEAVEN** into the very **PRESENCE OF GOD!** But **GOD** made a way for our **SIN** to be **PLACED ON CHRIST** and for **HIM** to be **PUNISHED** for our **SIN** while at the same time **PLACING CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS** to our account when we place our **FAITH** and **TRUST IN CHRIST!**

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*2 Corinthians 5:21*—“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

It is only IN CHRIST that we have the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** to be able to go live with **THE HEAVENLY FATHER** and **CHRIST!**

*Romans 3:24*—“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

*Romans 8:1*—“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, ...”

*1 Corinthians 15:22*—“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

*2 Corinthians 5:17*—“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

*2 Corinthians 5:19*—“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

*Ephesians 1:3*—“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

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*Hebrews 1:3*—“...when he had by himself purged our sins, **sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**”

*Hebrews 10:12*—“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, **sat down on the right hand of God;**”

*Colossians 3:1*—“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.”

*Ephesians 2:5–6*—“5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and **made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus**.”

To sit at one’s **RIGHT HAND** is to sit in the **place of HONOR and POWER!** (*Matthew 28:18*—“All power is given unto me in heaven and earth.”)

*Philippians 2:9–11*—“9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

To sit at one’s **RIGHT HAND** is to **have their EAR** especially if they are **FAMILY!**

*Hebrews 4:14–16*—“14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”(Cf. 1 Peter 5:10...the God of all grace)

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WHERE WAS JESUS GOING?

FIRST, JESUS Was Going To The CROSS To PREPARE A PLACE For Us To Be REDEEMED So We Can Go To Heaven!

SECOND, JESUS Was Going To His HEAVENLY FATHER To PREPARE A PLACE For Us To Be Heard As Our GREAT HIGH PRIEST Before HIS HEAVENLY FATHER!

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How do we come to the *“throne of grace?”* We come IN JESUS CHRIST or we could say THROUGH JESUS CHRIST!

As **OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST**, JESUS is **OUR MEDIATOR**, **OUR GO-BETWEEN**, **OUR ADVOCATE**, **OUR REPRESENTATIVE**, **OUR INTERCESSOR** before **GOD THE FATHER!**

**CHRIST** is **ALWAYS** at the **FATHER’S RIGHT HAND** having the **FATHER’S EAR** ever **INTERCEDING** for us who are IN HIM!

**Conclusion**

**OUR HOPE IN CHRIST:**

We Have A Present **REFUGE IN CHRIST!**

We Have A Future **RESIDENCE IN CHRIST!**

We Have A Full **REDEMPTION IN CHRIST!**

A **REDEMPTION** That Made A Place For Us In **HEAVEN** In **CHRIST!**

A **REDEMPTION** That Gained A Hearing For Us Before **THE THRONE Of GRACE IN CHRIST!**

The question is, **ARE YOU IN CHRIST?** Are you sure? It is the only place of safety and it is the only place whereby we can gain access to **HEAVEN!**