

Hebrews 7.14-16

The Hope of an Endless Life

The final and perfect consummation of the gift of eternal life is hope. Hope answers the despair of the moment, it flows hand in hand with joy and finds its root firmly anchored in the shared victory over the grave which is ours because of the death and resurrection of Christ! The promise of scripture is that our lives are so profoundly connected to Him that His death becomes ours, and likewise, His eternal life is ours as well. So we look to the power of His resurrection as the hope of our lives, the hope of our purpose, the hope of our existence in every way. Christ has been raised and upon that fact stands the whole of all our hope!

I. HOPE BECAUSE OF HIS RESURRECTION

Romans 6.5-14

- A. Shared with us
- B. Forgiveness and victory promised to us because of it
- C. Delivered to a new master and a new reality in light of the resurrection of Jesus

II. HOPE BECAUSE OF HIS FAITHFULNESS

A. He is to be trusted, for the resurrection of Jesus is the promise of promises. It shows the faithful trustworthiness of God to keep all His promises.

1Corinthians 15.12-19

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV)

20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

B. Though this day is filled with sorrow, He is to be trusted, for He is faithful.

Lamentations 3.19-26

C. He will right every wrong and repay every sin. All sin will be punished, either in Christ or in our flesh for eternity...

Psalm 31:23–24(NKJV)

23 Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints!

*For the Lord preserves the faithful,
And fully repays the proud person.*

*24 Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart,
All you who hope in the Lord.*

III. HOPE IN HIS FORGIVENESS

- A. Peace has been purchased for us by the death of Christ

Romans 4:23–25(NKJV)

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

The resurrection is the evidence that God has accepted the sacrifice in our place. Jesus was slain because of sin, raised because of forgiveness.

- B. In this is the hope born of peace, and from peace the hope of Christlikeness being formed in us...
- C. Our hope is not anchored in our goodness, but in His

Titus 3.3-8

IV. HOPE IN HIS RETURN

- A. We hope expectantly for His return because it is not a terror to us

1Thessalonians 5.1-11

- a.The day comes as a thief, but again it holds no terror for us.
- b. We are called to wait and hope in His return, for we have been delivered from wrath. Unlike those outside of Christ...

Revelation 6.12-17

- B. We weigh the present day against the promised one. And hope in the fact of its superior value

Romans 8.18-25

- C. We are promised a great reward when Christ returns

Colossians 1.3-6

- D. Eternal life is promised

Titus 1:1–3

Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, 3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching,

which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

E.Eternal righteousness (the life of Christ in us)

Colossians 1.24-29

F.Undefiled, undefile-able, incorruptible...

1 Peter 1:3-5(NKJV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

V. HOPE IN HIS PRESENCE

Titus 2.11-15

1Thessalonians 4.13-18

1. He will return and bring the dead in Him with Him
2. Those who are alive and remain will be together with them all forever

3. This togetherness is possible because we have been made righteous in Him. Both declared, and actual.