

Introduction

Every Christian can speak of the 3-fold perspective of his salvation:

1. I *have been* saved [*past*: justification];
2. I *am being* saved [*present/ongoing*: sanctification];
3. I *surely WILL* be saved [*future*: glorification]

Biblical hope is:

- (1) **sourced** in God,
- (2) **sturdy** (cannot be shaken),
- (3) **sure** (it will most assuredly happen),
- (4) **satisfying** (it comforts your soul),&
- (5) **strengthening** (withstands trials)

THESIS — *What is included in this “Grace of God” in the gospel? Tonight we’ll see 2 more components!*

1. powerful transformation (12)
- 2. promised anticipation (13)**
- 3. precise affirmation (13b)**
4. perfect substitution (14a)
5. protected possession (14b)
6. pious ambition (14c)

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13).

I. Powerful transformation (v.12)**II. PROMISED ANTICIPATION! (13a)**

The anticipation of the coming of Jesus Christ: Rev 22:12; 1 Thess 4:13-18; 1 Cor 1:7

- the coming of Christ is **CERTAIN**
- the coming of Christ is **GLORIOUS**
- the coming of Christ is **IMMINENT**
- the coming of Christ is **URGENT**
- the coming of Christ is **PURIFYING**

We are “**looking for**” the blessed hope —

This is a “dogged confidence in God and his sure promises — however remote it may seem at times” (Robert Yarbrough).

The “**Blessed hope**” and the “**appearing of the glory**”

Titus 2:13 — “*The Grace of God Gives Future Hope in the Soon-Coming of Our Divine Savior!*”

It’s probably a general reference to the future return/appearing of Jesus Christ. This speaks of the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ -- it comes in 2 phases. (1) a catching up of the saints/rapture **FOR** the Church & (2) a return in divine glory to earth **WITH** the saints to judge the world.

It is an any-moment, imminent, sudden coming! Be ready!

What should this produce in us?

1. ignite **HOLINESS** [*fight sin; pure, Godly lives*]
2. enflame **EVANGELISM** [*share the gospel*]
3. instill **WORSHIP** [*worship, reflect, respond, rejoice!*]
4. season **CONVERSATIONS** [*encourage one another; 1 Cor 16!*]
5. strengthen **SUFFERERS** [*1 Peter 4; James 4.7-8*]
6. produce **EXPECTATION** [*Phil 3.20!*]

III. PRECISE AFFIRMATION! (13b)

... of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus.

“Titus 2.13 -- this is as secure as any verse in the whole Bible when it comes to identifying Christ as God” (Dan Wallace).

The grace of God not only gives a great hope -- but our hope is grounded in a **Person**.

The Bible gives us a *Toweringly High Christology* —

- ❖1. **Human** (1 Tim 2.5)
- ❖2. **God** (Col 1.15-19)
- ❖3. **Creator** (John 1.1-3)
- ❖4. **Sustainer** (Heb 1.1-3)
- ❖5. **Savior** (Acts 4.12; Titus 2.13)
- ❖6. **Judge** (2 Tim 4.8; Acts 17.30-31)

And, Since, Jesus *IS* fully divine, then we must:

1. Bow low in **worship**, like *Peter* (Luke 5)
2. **Confess** Him as Lord & God, like *Thomas* (John 20)
3. Worship Him as Savior from **divine wrath**, like *Paul* (Rom 3)
4. **Gaze** upon the Lamb seated on heaven’s throne, like *John* (Rev 5)
5. **Trust** Him in all of life’s circumstances, like *Jude* (Jude 24-25).

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Prayer Meeting & Song

HOW GREAT THOU ART

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

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Prayer: *Praise, thanksgiving & adoration!*

REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore

Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore;

Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice; rejoice!

Again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,

And take His servants Up to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice; rejoice!

Again I say, rejoice!

Prayer: *Pray for souls, conversions, outreaches, Pridefest evangelism*

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

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Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;

Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

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Prayer: *Prayer for expectancy, holiness & godliness among us.*

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait, The sky, not the grave, is our goal;

Oh trump of the angel! Oh voice of the Lord! Blessèd hope, blessèd rest of my soul!

It is well (*it is well*) with my soul (*with my soul*)

It is well, it is well, with my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;

The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, “Even so”—it is well with my soul.

It is well (*it is well*) with my soul (*with my soul*)

It is well, it is well, with my soul!