



OUR GLORIOUS HOPE IN CHRIST

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Our hope in Christ

We all face difficulties in our lives. Sometimes these can occur daily. However when we are born again of the Spirit of God we have Him within us and that is why the Bible says, "**Christ in you, the hope of glory.**" (Colossians 1:27).

Many Christians do not realise that the actual presence of God is within them when they are born again. The Holy Spirit comes to dwell within the believer and He is the Comforter, Strengthener and our Helper. He will guide us into all truth and will glorify Jesus.

Through Him we have the wonderful hope that God offers us. As we listen to His voice He will guide us into all truth.

When we give our lives to Christ, the peace of God comes to dwell within us. As a result, even though we have tribulation this can produce perseverance and if we have perseverance this will produce character in our lives and as this character develops we have hope.

This hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who was given to us. (Romans 5:1-5).

You can be in some major difficulty right now. Maybe it is illness, loss of a job, family difficulties, death of somebody in the family or whatever but the essential element is to surrender our lives absolutely to Christ so that the peace of God dwells in us and He can give us hope for the future.

This involves the daily act of surrendering our life to Christ, asking for His guidance and believing that He is hearing our cry. It may be that He will speak to us through His word as we are reading it or we may hear His still small voice guiding us and speaking to us by giving us thoughts or showing us visions, or by an audible voice or through other people.

The more we surrender our thought life to Christ and trust Him the more we will hear His voice.

We are told to lay hold of the hope set before us and "hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23.)

Over all the years that I have followed Christ I find that He will continually guide me in all sorts of situations. I have had to learn to absolutely trust Him. Sometimes I have been on my face before God asking for His help in submitting my life fresh to Him. He has never failed me.

Before I was saved, my hope was in things of the flesh. I worshipped money and possessions believing that this would improve my life. I never found real happiness until March 10, 1971 when I humbled myself and submitted my life publicly to Him.

From then on doors of opportunity and blessing opened on all sides. I have had many crises in my life since then but always God has been at my side to take me through each crisis.

God has a plan for all of us. He is just waiting for us to trust Him absolutely so that He can reveal more and more Christ in us the hope of glory.

If you are going through a crisis now and everything seems to be against you, lie down on your face, humble yourself before God, and believe that you are coming under the shelter of His wings. The God of hope will always hear your cry as you are obedient and submit to Him. **He is the God of hope and can fill us with all joy and peace in believing so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13.)**

May God bless you richly at all times.

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