

My Hope Is In Christ

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *"The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him."* (Lamentations 3:24, KJV)

Hope is seen even in Judah's worst moments. Jeremiah reminded them and us that *"the Lord's love never ceases..."*

The prophet's words remind us to trust in God because *"The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him"* (Lam. 3:25).

Are you one who is seeking? Jesus says, *"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened"* (Matthew 7:7-8).

The Lord has provided *"all things that pertain to life and godliness"* (2 Peter 1:3). He has provided salvation (Matthew 1:21; John 3:16-17; Hebrews 5:8-9), redemption (Romans 3:24; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 1:7), sanctification (1 Corinthians 1:30; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:13), and justification & peace with God (Romans 4:25; 5:1, 16, 18).

What Jesus has provided is **HOPE** for all mankind – a faithful expectation.

Paul speaks of this hope to Christians at Rome:

Romans 5:1-2, *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."*

Romans 8:24-25, *"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."*

Jesus Christ is the **"hope of glory"** (Colossians 1:27, KJV). He provides all that we ask and seek. The prophet Jeremiah said, *"the Lord is good to those who wait for him and to the soul who seeks him."* May we ever study and come to know Jesus Christ as our Savior.

Jesus said that we must believe in Him (John 8:24), repent of our sins (Luke 13:3), confess our faith in Him before others (Matthew 10:32-33), be baptized for our salvation (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16), and ever live faithfully to Him (Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2:10). For this is God's plan of Salvation and the only HOPE for the world (John 14:6).

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