

One Glorious Hope

Ephesians 4: Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. 2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. 3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. 4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to **one glorious hope for the future**.

Ephesians 1: 4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. 5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.....
.....v. 18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the **confident hope** he has given to those he called —his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

Resurrection of Messiah Was Prophesied

Psalms 16: 8 I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. 9 No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety. 10 For you will not leave/abandon/leave behind my soul among the dead or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.

2 Samuel 7:11“ ‘Furthermore, the Lord declares that he will make a house for you—a dynasty of kings! 12 For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. 13 He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever. v 16 Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure *forever*.’

Isaiah 53:10 But it was the Lord's (Yahweh's) good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the Lord's (Yahweh's) good plan will prosper in his hands. 11 When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of his experience, my righteous servant (Jesus) will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins.

OT prophecy is also clear about OUR resurrection:

Daniel 12: 1“‘At that time Michael, the archangel who stands guard over your nation, will arise. Then there will be a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence. But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued. 2 Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace. 3 Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever.

Christ's Resurrection is foundational to the understanding of ours.

Romans 4:25 He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life/resurrected to make us right with God.

1 Corinthians 15:13 For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. 15 And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. 16 And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. 18 In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! 19 And if our **hope** in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

The Resurrection confirms that Jesus is who He claimed to be:

-The Resurrection proved that Christ was divine.

Romans 1:4 ... and he was shown/proven to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

-The Resurrection revealed Christ's power over death.

Romans 6:9 We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any **power over** him..

The Resurrection secured our victory over death as well:

Ephesians 2:6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

The Resurrection defeated God's enemy....so Christians don't have to fear Satan or death.

Hebrews 2:14 Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. 15 Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Resurrection is the Completion of Redemption

1 Peter 1: 3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation/**hope**, 4 and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 5 And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation (in its fullness/completeness), which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

Romans 8: 10 And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. 11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to/ resurrect **your** mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

The Hope of the Resurrection

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-17 (ON SCREEN)

1 Thessalonians 5: 9 For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. 10 Christ died for us **so that**, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can **live** with him forever.

What Will That Resurrection Be Like?

1 Corinthians 15:35-57 (ON SCREEN)

RESURRECTION IS THE BLESSED HOPE!

It's a hope based in Jesus's plan AND provision for our future with him:

John 17: 24 Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

John 14: 1 "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. 2 There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

It fuels our confidence:

Hebrews 6: 18 So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the **hope** that lies before us. 19 This **hope** is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.

It incentivizes us:

1 John 3:1 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. 2 Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. 3 And all who have this **hope**/eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

Titus 2:12 And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, 13 while we look forward with **hope** to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.

The Hope of Eternal Life

2 Corinthians 4: 14 We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. 15 All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. 16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.