



## CALLED TO HOPE

### JESUS IS THE ENDURING HOPE OF THE WORLD:

- the tender hope who was laid in a manger
- the radiant hope announced from the skies
- the astonishing hope worshipped by shepherds
- the esteemed hope sought by the Magi
- the promised hope who was forsaken
- the cherished hope who was denied
- the misunderstood hope who was rejected
- the irreproachable hope who was beaten
- the faultless hope who was judged
- the sinless hope who was condemned
- the miraculous hope who rose from the dead
- and the perfect hope who came to save

Jesus is the timeless hope who came to seek, serve, call, forgive, rescue, redeem, and save.

*"We have this certain hope like a strong, unbreakable anchor holding our souls to God himself."*  
Hebrews 6:19 TPT

### JESUS IS OUR UNIQUE & EVERLASTING HOPE

**Jesus is our hope for the future** – the unshakable promise that we will be redeemed.

**Jesus is our hope in the present** – the undeniable truth that we are loved completely, created with purpose, and never alone.

**Jesus is our hope over the past** – the assurance that our failures, no matter how many, how big, or for how long, are never greater than His forgiveness and power to transform.

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*"Living within you is the Christ who floods you with the expectation of glory! This mystery of Christ, embedded within us, becomes a heavenly treasure chest of hope filled with the riches of glory for his people ..."*

Colossians 1:27 TPT

Biblical hope is a settled, determined, and enduring confidence in who Jesus is and in what He has promised.

Our hope is in Christ alone. His mystery is "embedded within us ... a heavenly treasure." Our once broken relationship, the consequence of living in a sin-stained world, has been grafted into Christ. "... you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in ... to share the rich root of the olive tree" (Romans 11:17 NRSV), "to share in the nourishing sap ..." (NIV).

### QUESTIONS ABOUT HOPE

- What does a hope-filled life look like?
- Where do you need hope right now?
- What is the object of your hope?
- What is the anchor of your hope?
- What is your favorite hope-filled Scripture?
- How can we cultivate hope in suffering?
- How does hope shift our understanding of or experience with suffering?

### A PRAYER OF HOPE

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for revealing Yourself as the God of hope—the One who intends our hope to abound, Who promises our hope will never be cut off, the God Who is our hope. We praise, bless, and adore You.

For our own brokenness and weaknesses, we declare our hope is in You—not in our multiplied resolutions, not in beating ourselves up, not in our doing more and trying harder.

Our hope is in Your steadfast love. Our hope is in Your commitment to pursue us, change us, and bring to completion Your good work in us. This hope will not disappoint or put us to shame (Rom. 5:5)... In Jesus' wonderful and merciful name, Amen.

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