Our Foundation of Hope

^{1:3}"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. *In love ⁵He predestined us to be adopted as* His Sons [and daughters] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will – ⁶To the praise of his glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. ⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸That He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹And he made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ, ¹⁰To be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ ¹¹In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, ¹²In order that we, who were the first to **hope** in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory. "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of His glory." Ephesians 1:3-14 NIV

Our Ministry of Hope

^{1:17}"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. ¹⁸*I* pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the *hope* to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹And His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead ²⁰and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹*Far above all rule and authority,* power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, ²³Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills everything in every way." Ephesians 1:17-23 NIV

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"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the **hope** we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:22 NIV

Our Sources of Hope

"Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are GOD my Savior, and my **hope** is in You all day long." Psalms 25:5

"May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my **hope** is in You." Psalms 25:21

"You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my **hope** in Your Word." Psalms 119:114

"I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my **hope** in Your Word." Psalms 119:147

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have **hope**." Romans 15:4

"The LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put their **hope** in His unfailing love." Psalms 147:11

"And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, Whom He has given us." Romans 5:5

"Be joyful in **hope**, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

"Now faith is being sure of what we **hope** for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1 "Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your HOPE in God, for I will yet praise Him my Savior and my God." Psalms 42:11

> "Find rest, 0 my soul, in God alone; my **hope** comes from Him." Psalms 62:5

"May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

> "Be strong and take heart, all you who **hope** in the LORD." Psalms 31:24

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope** and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Our Hope is in Jesus!

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living **hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials." 1 Peter 1:3-6 NIV

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those IN ANY TROUBLE with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:34 NIV

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