

OUR HOPE IS JESUS



2 CORINTHIANS 3:7-12

WE ARE THE LIGHTS OF THE WORLD

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world – like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.



STAND UP AND LISTEN

Ezekiel 2:1-8

Stand up, son of man, said the voice. I want to speak with you...I listened carefully to his words...This is what the Sovereign LORD says! And whether they listen or not – for remember, they are rebels...Son of man, do not fear them. Don't be afraid even though their threats are sharp as thorns and barbed like briers, and they sting like scorpions. Do not be dismayed by their dark scowls. For remember, they are rebels! You must give them my messages whether they listen or not...Son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not join them in being a rebel. Open your mouth, and eat what I give you.



OUR HOPE IS IN JESUS!

2 Corinthians 3:7-12

Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.



GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS

Lamentations 3:19-23

I remember my affection and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed for his compassion never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.



HIS GLORY LASTS FOREVER

2 Corinthians 3:9,11

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BREAK THE CHAINS



IT IS FINISHED

We are His representatives, of His Love, Mercy and HOPE

God wants to bring US back to wholeness. What has been devastated by Satan, He wants to restore. The right of Satan to continue to rule was broken at the cross with the declaration "IT IS FINISHED." We live in a time when the Holy Spirit has been poured out in order to testify of who Jesus Christ is.



WE ARE VERY BOLD

2 Corinthians 3:12

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

The Greek word translated "bold" is the word that the Greeks used to speak of the right to free speech. This boldness was an outgrowth of the HOPE in the New Covenant — the glorious, permanent ministry of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all believers.



GOD IS ABLE

Romans 4:18-21

Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, That's how many descendants you will have! And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.

Believers can confidently expect that God will give eternal life.



GOD LOVES US

Romans 5:5

And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

This type of confidence in the faithfulness of God inspires us to publicly proclaim the Good News of salvation.


