

Christ Our Hope And Love

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Thank you choir for tuning our hearts to the beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Going to be beginning a new sermon series starting this morning and it'll be on the Advent season on the theme of Advent. And though we are starting two weeks late, it did start on November the 30th. Our main focus will be on four essential themes that prepare our hearts and that is on hope, love, joy and peace.

Now, Advent comes from a Latin word. The root meaning of it, it means coming or arrival. It's a season where we are confidently anticipating the waiting of the Lord Jesus Christ, namely his second coming. But we also is a period that is looking backwards, backwards and forwards meaning that they are inseparable. We look back reflection forward anticipation. We look back to Bethlehem and the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, the manifestation of God's love through the gift of his God's only begotten son. And then simultaneously, we're going to look forward, we do look forward to the glorious and promised return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So our focus today, it will be on two things. I'll be preaching from a text from Titus 2:13 and John 3:16 and the title of my sermon is Christ our hope and love. So let's look first at Titus 2:13. Turn if you will to Titus 2:13 and we're going to look at the blessed hope. The blessed hope. Looking forward. Looking forward.

So, Titus 2:13 and I'll go ahead and read the text and we'll dive in to today's message. It reads this, "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our savior Jesus Christ."

Hope is declared in this text and it's not a mere wishful thinking of some sort but it is rooted firmly rooted and planted in the promises of God. This is what we see in the text and it's significant because our life as a Christian is about anticipation. Anticipation and how does it look like in our daily life? That's a question I want to pose to you. How do we anticipate the Lord's coming in the light of daily living?

Well, what makes this hope blessed? Let's look at that first. Is it's the promise of God's word. It's the promise of God's word. That's why it's blessed. The Lord Jesus guaranteed his return. This was certain. The Lord Jesus said this in John 14:3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again. There it is at certainty. And receive you unto myself that where I am, there may ye be also. Amen.

So that's the guarantee. And then we in in our daily breath of life, we also have a relief that brings joy because all of us need a relief from the daytoday and we need joy. Amen. To fill our lives to free us from the brokenness of this fallen world that we live in.

So in Romans 8:23-25 it says this. And not only they the believers in Jesus Christ, but ourselves also which have the first fruits of the spirit, even we ourselves grown with ourselves waiting for the adoption to the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope. For what a man seeth, what did he yet hope for? Verse 25. But if you hope for that we see not then do we with patience wait for it.

I want you to see in that text if you will turn with me there in verse 23 I've mentioned here that these are the believers in Jesus Christ and they're given the first fruits. It's a down payment. We're initially given the Holy Spirit to give us that assurance that God is with us, that God is living in us and we are set for him. And then he says in that text, even we ourselves grown within ourselves. This idea of groaning is that we have a deep longing and anticipation for future glory. It's a feeling of incompleteness.

So if you're feeling incomplete, Amen. That's what this text is showing. We are incomplete. We just received the down payment of the Holy Spirit, but there is a future glory that we are to anticipate. And the idea is in the text waiting for the adoption. That's when we're going to be given full rights. And that's in our glorification state. And it's it says there in the redemption of our bodies. See, our bodies have not been redeemed. We still live in this sinful body. We still are going to die. I hate to break it to you, but that's just a guarantee in life.

But this eternal state, our soul state will continue ever and a new body will be replaced by this broken body. Amen. And that's the transformation that will happen at the resurrection of our bodies. And that and then we will be overcome completely from sin and death with this new body. And it says there in verse 25, that's what hope means. If we don't see it physically, then it wouldn't be hope. But because we do have hope that we have faith to believe on these things, we patiently wait for it.

So a lot of patience is required in this life as Christians and I want to give you things to think upon in your daily walk with the Lord. The next thing I want you to think about as believers is the assured confidence that you'll be vindicated and that you will receive award. Vindication simply means proven righteous before a holy God in the eyes of God because we are being watched. Amen. We are being watched by the world by everyone. But ultimately, it's not the world that we're going to be vindicated. It's ultimately what God looks at upon us through the righteous lens of his perspective and he's going to reward us in that way. He sees us as dearly beloved. He sees us as God's chosen one. He sees us as joint heirs with Christ. You see, it's not us in this flesh, but what has been transformed and changed by Christ and salvation. Amen.

2 Timothy 4:8 says this, "Henceforth, there's laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Here, we're giving the promise that if you're truly a saved person here this morning, that you have a love for his appearing. That's what it says in 2 Timothy 4:8. And that love is a heartfelt acceptance. See, it's not enough to have a cold orthodoxy, a intellectual ascent. The idea is God changes and transforms the heart with the heart believeth unto

righteousness, right? And our mouth confesseth thereafter. And so he changes from the inside out. And that's another thing that you can be promised and assured that if God has done something here internally, it's going to be revealed more and more in your life as you approach the Lord's coming.

So it gives us the anticipation again of that of that hope and the desire to see the Lord Jesus. So you see all in this then is there's an active anticipation. There's nothing passive about this. These are things that we're supposed to be thinking about.

So then I want you to just look with me at the text this morning in in Titus 2:13 and just look at the first word looking. That word looking carries this sense of eager expectation. It calls for us to look forward to the blessed hope. So where we're constantly forwardlooking in a sense we're no longer looking back. That's the idea. I mean, we see texts like Paul saying, "I don't look back anymore, but I look forward to the high calling of God through the Lord Jesus Christ." And this is the expression of a converted heart. That you're thinking more about what's to come, anticipation for what's forward, and looking less and less in the back. That it's more in the back. It's it's that's my life in the past, whatever God did. Amen. But I'm looking forward to Jesus appearing.

And so what is that looking then? It is a physical thing. Your eyes are to be lifted and gazing upon him primarily. It's a daily awareness that history. You are part of the history in God's working and timing. And he is moving where Christ is going to be visible one day. Do you do you think about that? like I'm going to actually see Jesus visibly in person. That is the idea this blessed hope it's going to happen.

So our eyes are constantly to gaze with that posture and then our hands are all to also to be engaged through obedience and that's found in the previous text. If you look at Titus 2:12, look down with me. It says this. It says, "Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." So there it is. We're engaged. We're active in participation. Not just looking, but engaging in obedience in this present world. And it's living soberly, righteously, and and godly. These are all qualities of a true believer.

So action and expectation are always intertwined in scripture. You'll never see them separated like, oh, we're do we're just looking and or we're doing action. It's it's both one and the same in scripture. They're inseparable.

The Lord Jesus says this in Luke 12:35-37 says, "Let your loins be girded." That means be ready for action about and your lights burning. Verse 36. And yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord. You see that? When he will return from the wedding, that when he cometh and knockketh, that they may open him immediately unto him immediately. So they're ready for action. Verse 37. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. There it is again. Verily I say unto you that he shall gird himself and make them sit down to meet and will come forth and serve them.

So we see again inseparable working of action and also anticipation of watching there in the text. Here are some other motivations in this wonderful text that we're looking at this morning to draw

us even more into this anticipation as believers of Christ appearing. I would say another thing is this. He is purifying us in our daily walk. He is purifying us.

1 John 3:2-3 says this, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure." So, so it's it's drawing things running themes that I share with you. You know, he is love so we can love, right? He is faithful so we can be faithful. He prays for us. Christ prays for us so that we can pray. He here's another consistency there. He he is pure so we can be pure. Amen. And he is purifying us in our daily walk with him.

Another thing I want you to see is the certainty that there is a finish line for all of us. We all have a finish line and it should encourage us to finish well that we finish well. 1 Corinthians 15:58 says, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. For as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." And so everything you're doing for the Lord, it's all of a purpose. It is all for him. It's it all serves this this this end goal that I'm going to finish well that I'm going to work for the Lord until the end.

And then the third thing is having a godly perspective. So purity, perseverance, and then perspective. You see, earthly trials shrink. They do. They diminish. They shrink in the light of an eternal horizon. I often pray this for myself. Lord, stretch my horizon. Help me not to first of all see just myself, but help me to see my brothers. Help me to see my sisters, what they're going through. Help me to, as in first Peter, look beyond myself and look at brothers and sisters all over the world that are going through the same affliction, which is all at the end of the day momentary.

My afflictions, your brothers and sisters afflictions, everyone in the world is just small afflictions. You know that does something to your soul. It gives you this lightness that you're not in this alone because what what the devil loves to do is he likes to corner you, make you feel weak, make you feel like you're going through this yourself that no one understand. I mean God I mean he just takes every person out of the equation and just leaves you to yourself and that's when you are most vulnerable.

So the idea is we got to have this eternal perspective there. There's more to this affliction than it than in of itself. It's not the be all end all. There's something beyond this thing what we call life on this earth. And second Corinthians 4:17 18 puts it perfectly in this way. For a light affliction which is but for a moment workketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. You see the transference light to weight instead of weight to light. So we have this weight of glory. Verse 18. While we look not at the things which are seen, the afflictions, but at the things which are not seen, the eternal. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. There it is. That's a verse about perspective.

Now getting more into this text is how does it look like in our practical outworking practical outling? Well, we can first look at the way we serve the local body. So just look at with what you're doing currently in Calvary Road Baptist Church. Are you investing in the spiritual gifts that God has given to you? God has shown you that gift and are you fully utilizing it because it is investment for God's kingdom. It is invested to strengthen the local body.

Did you know that your gift is to strengthen the body? It strengthens the body which Christ will one day bring into perfection that it will be perfect one day. But he's using you now to perfect that. Ephesians 4:11-13 talks about there's some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers for the perfecting of what? The saints. That is my task to you is I'm going to make every opportunity to help you and support you in your ministry and and helping you to enhance that spiritual gift to to use it to the furthest extent possible. if you're willing, of course, I will I will I will make sure to do that so that you will be able to work it out in this local body and that it would grow. That's what edifying is edifying the body of Christ.

And then like first what Ephesians 4:13 says, it says this, till we all come in the unity of faith. So when you're doing this work of ministry, perfecting of the saints, it's to unify us in this faith that we have in Jesus Christ, it it does something. It does uniting work that we're all in this together to strengthen each other up. And then it continues says, "And of the knowledge of the son of God." So you're going to get to know more about him by serving one another. And then it says unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. So this is what in your your soul you should feel that you are being built up full in Christ.

So you think ministry, oh well I'm just I'm just busy about doing things. No, actually while you're in it, God is supplying you in a way that you will become full fully fully in stature in Christ. I could tell you that in just my, you know, 20 years of being a Christian, 21 plus years being a Christian, I would say my growth was done in part in in work in working in ministries in church. you know, I I was because I I had mentors. I had opportunities for mentorship. I had opportunities to see other people doing ministry and and then being part of that ministry and and and seeing how it got to where it was and it humbles me and going, "It took this long for this person to get what they are, but they were faithful and and they served for this many years." And I see their humbleness and humility that they continue to serve without giving up even through sickness and sorrow and and trials and all sorts of suffering and and it just helps you to stay grounded and not to be thinking so much about yourself but you start thinking more about other people. People start becoming a part of your life and that's why that's what Christ wants us to be in that place in serving the body.

The next thing is sharing the gospel. Do you have this urgency this this intense urgency to consider others you are saved but I need I want to see others rescued. I want to see other people cuz because I know how it felt like when I felt perish when I felt like I was perishing that I felt like giving up when I felt like everything was falling apart and there was no hope. Do you have that intense urgency to consider others to want them to have the peace that surpasses all understanding that we have? Amen.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, you know, Romans 13:11-12 says this, "And that knowing the time that now it is high time to awake out of our sleep because we were once asleep. We were dead to sin." And then he says, "For now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." So now we have a this this time span where it we have this opportunity to to to to see salvation in other people. Verse 12 says, "The night is far spent. We spend enough time in our old life. The day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light." What a encouraging text. Amen. To share the gospel.

And what another thing I want to be encouraging to you brothers and sisters is 1 Thessalonians 4:18. It says, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." And this text is talking about believers facing grief over lost loved ones. We've had some of that in the past, haven't we? People that we dearly loved passing away in the scene. But this text says comfort one another. Are we doing that? Are we going out and going, "Hey, I know that brother meant a lot to you, or I know that sister meant a lot to you, but hey, I want to comfort you." And what are the words that we ought to comfort? Is reminding them that the hope found in Jesus return and in the resurrection that we will be reunited with them. We often say this in in in this in the funerals, but do we continue that? Do we continue saying, "Hey, we're going to meet them one day. We're going to unite with them one day." And no longer in this this flesh that dies and perishes, but in a new life, a new body. And this whole temporary separation. It is but temporary. And may we be strengthened to be able to endure all sorts of suffering because it is all temporary. It will one day be over. And for eternity upon eternity, we'll be filled with joy. No more tears, right? No more sorrow, but true love and happiness. That's the idea of that part of the text that encourages us.

And then just offering more hope is something that we should think about is this reality in Titus 2:13. It lets us know that there is a promise awaiting for us. I mentioned that. I mentioned already the physical and glorious return of Jesus Christ which is in the text. That's what should set the agenda of our lives. Do you have an agenda that's full? Do you have an agenda that every week you prepare it just feels like mundane? You know, this this should kind of give us that separation from our our life and going, look, who's setting the agenda ultimately? who's the one that's sovereign over my schedule and that every choice and all the habits and and all the things that I want to hope for and desire for that it it's all up to the Lord. He determines everything.

And if we just simply yield acknowledging that he is the one that sets all things in order, it makes life a lot more hopeful, doesn't it? Because we often put so much on up on each other. We like to say yes to everything, don't we? But sometimes it's good to just say, "No, I want God to set my agenda. Let me wait for him to do that." And you know, when you do that, when you live your life that way and you put God in Christ as priority, your your agenda looks more hopeful and more consistent. Wouldn't you want that?

And so another thing I want to share is you see the prophets foretold the of Christ coming and and he and he did come. He did come. Amen. And then now we see the apostle here in this case in Titus we see the apostles proclaiming his return and he will come again. So we have the Old Testament, New Testament, both this this reality of his first coming and the second coming because just like we see is Israel waiting for the Messiah in the old, we are to wait for his second appearing in the new.

And the illustration I want to draw on this part of understanding what I what I'm about to share with you is you know naturally children had this ability to wait eagerly for Christmas morning. I recall the a time when I actually had a calendar and I counted down xarked each day I'm getting closer to Christmas and you know blame my parents cuz they were all about gifts. They're like, "You're going to get a lot of gifts. You're going to get that bike you wanted or some something." And and so cuz I would count down with joy.

But you know, in the same way, but in a supernatural way, as believers, we wait for Christ's return in the same way. Do you go, "Man, I one more day. One more day." Whether I I I die or Christ comes back, one more day. Do you have that kind of joy and anticipation that you're going to receive him? He's going to receive you. I mean I mean and and you're going to receive this kind of joy that that just it will last a life for eternity. It will last for eternity. That that momentary thing as a little child I remember, you know, I had my I don't even think about anymore. I don't even think about the toys that I have and most of them are broken by the way. But this is something that will never be broken. This joy that will be sustained for all eternity. It should be that kind of delight in our lives.

This is where our hope is anchored. And Hebrews 6:19 says this, "Where hope which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enterth into that within within the veil." And this picture in Hebrews 6:19 is referring to the Holy of Holies in the heavenly sanctuary where the dwelling place of God and our hope is connected to God's presence in heaven and we're secured in the Lord Jesus Christ. Think about that. We're right we're in the presence of heaven with Christ and he is securing us there and we're just anticipating that moment where we will be physically present with him there. And this should help us to anticipate again not with despair but knowing and waiting with anticipation that one day that will become a reality.

So that there it is. That's that's Titus 2:13. That that's hope. Now we're going to transition and look at the word hope. Love. So from hope now we're going to go to love. Well the the text we're going to go to is John 3:16. So, if you will turn with me to John 3:16, very familiar verse, but this is the central message of Advent. And it's it's the sending of God's only begotten son, God's only begotten son.

And here we see that it is God that initiates initiates love. And God is the source of love that doesn't originate from human merit or our own effort. And we see this wonderful word where we see in John 3:16 the phrase so loved. It's not just loved, it's so loved. That that those that phrase it signifies a definite display a definite display of affection that God has affection for us. And it's it's not just a little love. It's it's so much love that I it it's it's I enough to fill everyone in the world. Okay? Like just think about that.

How much is your love? Maybe I can love, you know, my spouse. Maybe I could love my family. Maybe I could love, you know, people at church. But think about God's love. It's like can you picture yourself and loving the whole world from past, present and future? That's how much love is contained in God. And I mean that's just a small taste. I mean his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. His ways are hard in our ways. But we get a little taste of of how much his love is dispelled there in this text. And it's tangible. It's measurable. the world and it's literal, right? It's literal his son.

We see it in his son. And Romans 5:8 echoes this God initiative of his love. But God proves his love for us in this. While we were yet still sinners, Christ died for us. God loves to give. God loves to give. And true love is shown by a giving action, not just a feeling. Here the depth of God's love is highlighted by the costly act of giving his one and only dear son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

And God's offering is deeply personal. He gives his own son. There's nothing impersonal about this at all. He could have easily because he is God provides some other substitute. He could have, right? It's not there but it he could have. He's God. But he doesn't. He makes it deeply personal. Perfect. His perfect son, right? His perfect son. There's nothing wrong with the relationship. You know, the trinity is perfect. And yet out of this perfection, he says, "I want the world to see it on display."

And so 1 John 4:9 reinforces this text. John 3:16 says, "And this was manifested the love of God toward us because that God sent his only begotten son into the world that we might live through him." Verse 10, here in love, not that we love God, but that he loved us and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins. So there was a need that we had and we couldn't fix it on our own. And he says, I will take care of that. Just like he's saying, just imagine he looks down at you. Son, daughter, I'm going to love you in this way. And I want you to show how much I love you in the way I send my own son.

And so God's love embraces the world. The world including every ethnicity, nation, and social status. He covers it all. And this love is accessible to all. No one is excluded. And this inclusive nature of the Lord's heart is demonstrated in 2 Peter 3:9. The Lord is not slack or failing to act concerning his promise as son men think of count slackness, those who are negligent or slow. No, God is not like that. But he is longsuffering to us. We're not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

You see, it's a deliberate delay for some of you for judgment so that he will give you more time to repent and be saved. This is a demonstration of his mercy and his love. Not indifference. Not indifference. One author puts it this way and just to accentuate the key point of repentance, why it's so important and why we got to be careful of the opposite of some people who think of how to be saved. And this author puts it this way. Today's sin is called sickness. So people think it requires therapy, not repentance. Don't think of your sin as something you can fix up with therapy. That is not the way God saves. He says, "No, that does not require therapy. That requires a change because you're going in a direction. It's a direction. You're going down a pit that you're going to stumble and you're going to fall and you're going to stay there forever and ever and ever." And he's saying, "You need to turn. You need to trust in my son Jesus Christ for salvation. That's what's required. Don't treat your sin as a not a therapy. It needs repentance. Amen.

So God's love invites us to believe with faith to believe with faith. He says whosoever believeth in him in the text John 3:16. This is placed in this part of the text says we are to place our salvation within whom him Jesus. And the gift is received through faith. And that's the response God requires. Not our merits, not our performance, but simply by the gift that is offered. He just wants you to receive him. That's all that's required. And faith is what God gives you.

If God is putting in your heart, yeah, I need to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. I need to be saved. I need to have a new direction in my life. That's the idea. And you trust in his finished work, the Lord Jesus Christ. John 1:12 says this, "But as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." So, so, so the idea is you're powerless. Okay? You need to feel that. You need to feel you need rescuing. Someone

needs to, I love that illustration. It's it's a real realistic illustration. you're drowning and and someone needs to pull you out. You can't pull yourself out of this. And that's the idea. He's the one that has the power. You don't. And if you admit that, then you have an opportunity to be saved. And you know who to believe on. It's standard in text. John 3:16.

And he says, "You will not perish. You will not keep drowning. He will deliver you." It is real. It's it's it's he's saving you from eternal separation and judgment. You see, love requires telling the truth about danger. That is part of love and which has and is as real as this as a as a promise that you will not perish. But the offering of salvation is you have to see you are in danger. That's also something that needs to be visibly in you within you.

Ezekiel 18:32 says this, "For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God. Wherefore turn yourselves and live ye." There it is. You're dying. Do you sense it? But the Lord God says, "Look, just turn. Turn to my son and you will live. turn and then you will have everlasting life."

It's a present reality and a future expectation that this what you once had unbroken that this broken fellowship you had with God will no longer be broken and you will now have eternal life with him and you will be a present reality now because once you're saved, you are now bloodbought. Meaning you are adopted into the family. you have the Holy Spirit within you and that you can now please him. You can please God forever and ever and ever. He has changed everything from one direction to another.

And John 17:3 says this, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou sent you, that will be a present reality. You know who God is and you know who the Lord Jesus Christ is. you know who they are and this will become a living reality giving you the confidence that you can stay rested and rooted in the certainty of God's love and settled settled about this thing about salvation.

This is an ongoing trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and the response is to continue to believe and he will give you the abilities. All of this is from God. 1 John 4:11 says, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love another." And the idea is another assurance if you truly have been saved is you're going to be able to love people that you once hated. And some of you just hate Christians. There's something about Christians just you don't know what it is. Well, when God opens your spiritual eyes, you go, "Oh, cuz God changed them." That's the way that they're acting like this. That's why they they speak and act this way. It's not of them. It's God in Christ. And the more you see that, you're going to be able to love others. But before that reality, you're just going to just ah you're just seeing the exterior. But this is just temporary, you know. There's going to be a whole eternal perspective that we changed from the inside out.

And so again, we see the personal God here. We see the sacrifice given. We see the redemptive act offered. And it's a profound thing that changes the very essence of our hearts and our minds. And I wants us to think more deeply now about this Advent season that we are in. that gives us just what we are ought to continue to gaze on in our hope in the Lord Jesus Christ and continue to be settled grounded in the love that God has given to us in the present.

And with those two realities, you will see more and more how profound you are as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. how profound your reality is now and how gracious and good God is and you you need to live this out in your in not only in this interaction with God but with others. And if you've been just unkind lately or just unforgiving or uncharitable to people, it could be that this reality hasn't really hit the depths of your soul because it ought to be not only demonstrated with your relationship with God, but with others. Amen.

And that is the clear real reality in 1 John 4:7. Beloved, let us love one another for God is love and everyone that is loveth is born of God and knoweth God. This is how we know God. This is how we know God. So during this time, encourage each other believers to express this love in a concrete actionable way as I've been sharing in application. And then for those who are lost, just really see that as well as this as this as a reality for you that it speaks to you. I hope that it it sparked something that the word of God sparked something in your in your soul to see how valuable Christ is, how important it is to trust in him and to rest in him because these these are all things for your good and for your for your eternal good ultimately.

So I pray that there will be response for both for Christians and for unbelievers this morning. And if you need to speak with me please come by. I'll be here. my office will be open. I am more than willing to talk with you about these things in a in a personal level if you need that time.

So, will you please bow with me as we go to the Lord in prayer. So, Father, thank you for just all these wonderful truths that you want us as believers to stay grounded in and to live it out in our in our lives to make this a reality in our lives. please bless it to that end. And I pray for those that are lost in our church. Lord, I pray that you would open their eyes, Lord, from the blindness whether it's from the world, the flesh, or the devil, or all three. I pray that you would remove that veil from their eyes, and that you would God soften their hardened hearts. Lord, if there was something this morning that that they didn't hear quite like like it is what it really is the reality said in your word. I pray God that they would turn to the Lord Jesus Christ for true salvation that you would do this work God. And we'll thank you father for anything Lord that you offer to us because Lord we don't deserve anything at the end of the day but it was because of your grace and your mercy and your dear son the Lord Jesus Christ God we have hope and we have love and we thank you that we can not only live in it but we can share in it. So I pray that for all these things Lord to your glory and to your honor in Jesus name. Amen.