

# HOPE

WHY YOU SHOULD HAVE IT

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- The hope of transformation starts with understanding it's **"Christ in you" that transforms you.**
- **Christianity is not a spiritual self-help program.**
- **Real and lasting change is only by the grace of God.**
  - Grace is God's ability, God's power, and God strength at work within us.

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- “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things **have** passed away; behold, all things have become new.” - **2 Corinthians 5:17**
- You don't need to try to become something different...  
You have already become something new!

**3 things that happened  
at our new birth**

# 1. Our sins were forgiven

- "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." – **Psalm 103:12**
- **God didn't just save us from something... He saved us for something!**

## 2. We were given the gift of righteousness

“But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law...we are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.” – **Galatians 3:21-24**

# The Truth about Righteousness

## **I'm Powerless -**

"For You, O LORD, will bless the Righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield." - **Psalm 5:12**

## **I'll Never Beat this –**

"Many are the afflictions of the Righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all." - **Psalm 34:19**

## **I'll Always be Anxious -**

"Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the Righteous be shaken." - **Psalm 55:22**



# The Truth about Righteousness

**I don't feel like God is even listening -**

"The eyes of the LORD are on the Righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers." - **1 Peter 3:12**

**My prayers are weak and useless -**

"The prayer of a Righteous person is powerful and effective."  
- **James 5:16**

**I'll always struggle with finances -**

"The house of the Righteous contains great treasure, but the income of the wicked brings ruin." - **Proverbs 15:6**

# Transformation vs. Change

## **What is Change?**

- “I am not \_\_\_\_\_ so I must become \_\_\_\_\_.”
- **Change is external**
- “I pray that your partnership in the faith may become effective as you fully acknowledge every good thing that is ours in Christ.” - Philemon 1:6

# Transformation vs. Change

## **What is Transformation?**

- “I am \_\_\_\_\_, so I yield to the process of becoming who I am.”
- Transformation is internal
- “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” – Romans 12:2

### 3. You are qualified for all God has provided

- "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness." - 2 Peter 1:3
- If that's true, and we aren't experiencing it, then we need to change how we see ourselves!

# Renewing Your Mind

- “Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.” – **Ephesians 4:23-24**
- “A double-minded man should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. He is unstable in all his ways.” - **James 1:7-8**

# The Old Man is Dead

**"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. And the life I now live in this body, I live by faith in the Son of God. " - Galatians 2:20**

# Biblical Meditation

“Blessed is the man who... delights in the teachings of the LORD and reflects on his teachings day and night. He is like a tree planted beside streams- a tree that produces fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither. He succeeds in everything he does.” - **Psalm 1:2-3**

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” - **Philippians 4:8**

# Biblical Meditation

- **Hebrew** – “to mutter over and over”
- **Greek** - “revolve them in your mind”
- **Focus and agree** with what God says.
- **How your mind settles things in our heart.**
  - “As a man thinks in his heart, so is he!!!” – Proverbs 23:7



Hope is knowing we have already been changed!

“Those who think they can do it on their own, end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle, but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God’s action in them, find that God’s Spirit is in them – living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life.” – **Romans 8:5-9**

**Transformation is about allowing the true you to emerge!**

# Daily Declare

- God's has forgiven and wiped away my past
- I am right with God today
- I'm already qualified for all God provided on the Cross.

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