

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Morning Worship  
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**TITLE : JESUS CHRIST OUR HOPE**  
Text/s :

1 Tim 1:1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;  
KJV

Bible Reading :

Psalms 33:12-22 (KJV)

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.  
13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.  
14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.  
15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.  
16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.  
17 An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.  
18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;  
19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.  
20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.  
21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.  
22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

Ps 42:1-11

1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.  
2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?  
3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?  
4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.  
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.  
6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.  
7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.  
8 Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.  
9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?  
10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?  
11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.  
(KJV)

Song/s : Solid Rock

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## INTRODUCTION

In the midst of all the insecurities around, where do we place our hope? We need hope beyond the uncertainties of many things in life.

What did Solomon conclude?

Eccl 1

1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

3 What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.

5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.

6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

11 There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.

12 I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

15 That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

18 For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

KJV

Eccl 2:3-18

3 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:

5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits:

6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:

7 I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me:

8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

9 So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.

11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

12 And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that cometh after the king? even that which hath been already done.

13 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

14 The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all.

15 Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also is vanity.  
16 For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? as the fool.  
17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.  
18 Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.  
KJV

What kind of hope do we have in Christ?

Psalms 20:7-8 (KJV)

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.  
8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

Psalms 42:5, 11 (KJV)

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.  
11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

## **A) In Christ, we have a Hope that Saves**

Rom 8:24

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?  
(KJV)

Rom 8:22-25

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.  
23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.  
24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?  
25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.  
KJV

4982 sozo - to save, to keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction

a) one (from injury or peril)

1) to save a suffering one (from perishing), that is, one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health

1) to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or rescue

b) to save in the technical, Biblical sense; negatively:

1) to deliver from the penalties of the Messianic judgment

2) to save from the evils which obstruct the reception of the Messianic deliverance

1 Cor 15:19-20

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.  
20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.  
KJV

1Thes 5:8

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

(KJV)

Heb 6:18-19

18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

KJV

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

KJV

Ps 33:18-22

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

(KJV)

Prov 14:32

32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.

(KJV)

Rom 15:4

4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

(KJV)

Col 1:23

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

(KJV)

## **B) In Christ, we have a Hope that Lives**

1 Pet 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

(KJV)

1 Peter 1:3

3 Praised (honored, blessed) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)! By His boundless mercy we have been born again to an ever-living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, AMP

2198 zao-

1) to live, to breathe, to be among the living (not lifeless, not dead)

- 2) to enjoy real life:
  - a) to have true life that is worthy of the name
  - b) to be active, blessed, and endless in the kingdom of God
- 3) to live, that is, to pass life, in the manner of the living and acting of mortals or character
- 4) living water, having vital power in itself and exerting the same upon the soul
- 5) metaphorically, to be in full vigor
  - a) to be fresh, strong, efficient,
  - b) as adjective: active, powerful, efficacious

Rom 12:12

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;  
(KJV)

Rom 15:13

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.  
(KJV)

1Thes 1:3

3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;  
(KJV)

Heb 6:18

18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:  
(KJV)

### **C) In Christ we have a Hope that gives Reason**

1 Pet 3:15

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:  
(KJV)

1 Peter 3:15

15 But in your hearts set Christ apart as holy [and acknowledge Him] as Lord. Always be ready to give a logical defense to anyone who asks you to account for the hope that is in you, but do it courteously and respectfully. [Isa 8:12,13.]  
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3056 logos (log'-os); from 3004; something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specifically (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ): KJV-- account, cause, communication, X concerning, doctrine, fame, X have to do, intent, matter, mouth, preaching, question, reason, + reckon, remove, say (-ing), shew, X speaker, speech, talk, thing, + none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, utterance, word, work.

Ps 119:46

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.  
(KJV)

Jer 26:12-16

12 Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.

13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

14 As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you.

15 But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

16 Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die: for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.

(KJV)

Dan 3:16-18

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

(KJV)

Matt 10:18-20

18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

(KJV)

Luke 21:14-17

14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

(KJV)

Acts 5:29

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

(KJV)

Col 4:6

6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

(KJV)

Acts 24:24-25

24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

(KJV)

## **D) In Christ, we have a Hope that Purifies**

I Jn 3:2-3

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth 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.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

(KJV)

1 John 3:2-3

2 Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall [as God's children] resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He [really] is.

3 And everyone who has this hope [resting] on Him cleanses (purifies) himself just as He is pure (chaste, undefiled, guiltless).

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2 Cor 7:1

1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

(KJV)

Heb 12:14

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

(KJV)

2 Pet 1:4-9

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

(KJV)

2 Pet 3:16

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

(KJV)

Phil 2:15

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

(KJV)

## **E) In Christ, we have a Hope that is Stable.**

Heb 6:19

19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

(KJV)

Heb 6:19

19 [Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it — a hope] that reaches farther and enters into [the very certainty of the Presence] within the veil, [Lev 16:2.]

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Heb 6:19

19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,  
ESV

45 agkura- anchor

- 1) an anchor
- 2) metaphorically, any stay or safeguard

Ancient anchors resembled modern ones in form: they were made of iron, provided with a stock, and with two teeth-like extremities often but by no means without flukes.

804 asphales- sure

- 1) firm (that which can be relied on)
- 2) certain, true
- 3) suited to confirm

949 bebaios- steadfast

- 1) stable, fast, firm
- 2) metaphorically, sure, trusty

Ps 42:5

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.  
(KJV)

Ps 42:11

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.  
(KJV)

Ps 43:5

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.  
(KJV)

Isa 12:2

2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.  
(KJV)

Isa 28:16

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.  
(KJV)

Jer 17:7-8

7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

(KJV)

1 Cor 15:58

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

(KJV)

## **F) In Christ, we have a Hope that is Glorious.**

Col 1:27

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:  
(KJV)

1391 doxa-

- 1) an opinion, a judgment, a view
- 2) an opinion, an estimate, whether good or bad concerning someone in the New Testament always a good opinion concerning one, resulting in praise, honor, and glory
- 3) splendor, brightness
  - a) used of the moon, sun, stars
  - b) magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, grace
  - c) majesty
    - 1) a thing belonging to God; the kingly majesty which belongs to Him as supreme ruler, majesty in the sense of the absolute perfection of the deity
    - 2) a thing belonging to Christ
      - a) the kingly majesty of the Messiah
      - b) the absolutely perfect inward or personal excellency of Christ; the majesty
    - 3) used of the angels; as apparent in their exterior brightness
- 4) a most glorious condition, most exalted state
  - a) used of that condition with God the Father in heaven to which Christ was raised after He had achieved his work on earth
  - b) the glorious condition of blessedness into which is appointed and promised that true Christians shall enter after their Savior's return from heaven

1 Pet 1:3-4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,  
(KJV)

Col 1:5

5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;  
(KJV)

2 Cor 4:16-18

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.  
17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;  
18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.  
(KJV)

Rom 8:18-23

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.  
19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.  
20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,  
21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.  
22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.  
(KJV)

Rom 5:2

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.  
(KJV)

### **G) In Christ, we have a Hope that is full of Blessing.**

Titus 2:13

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
(KJV)

Titus 2:13

13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,  
NKJV

Titus 2:13

13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,  
ESV

3107 makarios (mak-ar'-ee-os); a prolonged form of the poetical makar (meaning the same); supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off: KJV-- blessed, happy (X -ier).

Rom 5:5

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.  
(KJV)

Col 1:5

5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;  
(KJV)

Titus 1:2

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;  
(KJV)

Ps 146:5

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:  
(KJV)

Jer 17:7

7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.  
(KJV)