Future Glory

Our Blessed Hope

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope — the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

- Bible hope is based on the promises of God; God's promises produce hope to receive
- Heb. 6:13-19- Hope is the anchor for the soul; based on God's oath and impossible to lie
- 1 Th. 5:8, call "hope of salvation as a helmet."- shields us against fear and anxiety
- Heb 10:23- "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."
- 1 Peter 1:3 we are born again into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus
    - Vs 13- set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed
- Col 1:5, "The faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven"

Worldly hope is a flimsy wishing and a hoping; luck or chance- like I hope that I win the lottery. Bible hope is rooted in the Covenant of God who backs up His promises- Yes and AMEN!

Philippians 1:20, "I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." *Hope is an eager expectation to receive!*

- Hope is the blueprint for faith- it's the "Why" we believe, the goal, dream & target
- Heb 1:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
- Faith is present tense, while hope is future tense
- Hope that is seen is no hope at all, who hopes for whatever he already has- Ro. 8:24

1 Thess 1:3, "We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

Colossians 1:27, "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Rom 15:13, "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."

The End of this Present World System

Replenish The Earth

Genesis 1:28, "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

- Ps 8:6, "You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet"
- Ps 115:16, "The highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth he has given to man."
- The Genesis mandate was to "Replenish" the earth with people and steward the earth
- This was for a set period of time and not to be indefinite
- It was this earth lease that the devil usurped and became the god of this world- 2 Cor.4:4

The two demon possessed men of the Gadarenes shouted in Matthew 8:29, "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" What the devil stole from Adam in the Garden of Eden was a term lease to fulfill the Genesis mandate. Ever since this time, the devil has been trying to postpone the end. The scriptures admonish us not to become engrossed in the things of this world, "For this world in its present form is passing away" according to 1 Cor 7:31. **Daniel 7:25,** "He (Antichrist) will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws.

Daniel's 70 Weeks

The clock for the end of this present evil world system began clicking when the decree was made by who many believe was the Persian King Artaxerxes I around 450 BC which Nehemiah assumed the task with Ezra's help as the priest at the time. **Daniel 9:25-27**

Church Age

This dispensation was not referenced in the Old Testament and was a mystery until the day of Pentecost and the early Church epistles- the only obscure reference is Joel's prophecy 2:28-29. Acts 2:17, "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people…" Jesus foretold of the destruction of Jerusalem and the diaspora- Luke 21:20-36. 7 Seals following- Mt. 24:3-14

Rapture

- **Please Read: 1 Th. 4:13-18** The "Coming of the Lord" is the rapture of the Church
- Receive a new glorified and resurrected immortal body

Philippians 3:20-21, "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

Tribulation Period

Judgment on this evil world system- is not meant for the Church.

1 Thess 1:10, "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath."

Matthew 24:21-23, "For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now — and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened."

- With the 7 Trumpets and Bowl Judgments- 1st Century John describing World War III

Return of Jesus

- **Please Read: 1 Th. 5:1-11** The "Day of the Lord" is the second advent of Jesus
- Climax of the Great Tribulation- the battle of Armageddon to destroy Israel- Rev. 19:11-21
- Israel at the brink of extinction finally acknowledges Jesus as Messiah- Matthew 23:29
- Jesus returns and splits the mount of Olives in half- Zechariah 14:4; Acts 1:9-11
- The antichrist and false prophet are cast into the lake of fire- Revelation 19:20

Millennial Reign of Jesus

- First things first- Satan is bound in the abyss for most of the Millennium- Rev. 20:1-3
- The Tribulation Saints physical bodies are resurrected- vs 4-6
- We rule and reign with Jesus- parable of the talents and Minas- Mt. 25:15-30; Lk. 19:11-27
- Satan is released for a short time and deceives multitudes; cast in lake of fire- Rev. 20:7-10
- The Great White Throne judgment; stand on own works; cast in lake of fire- Rev. 20:11-15

New Heaven and New Earth

- The eight day – "A new beginning" culminating in the eternal kingdom of God
- New Heaven and New earth and New Jerusalem- 2 Peter 3 the home of righteousness

1 Cor 15:24-28, "Then the end will come, when Jesus hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all."

1 John 3:2-3

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.