



Need Some Hope?

Jeremiah said, ***"The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him."*** —Lamentations 3:24, kjv

Who do you hope in? Please don't say you've put your hope in your dear CEO, in the president, in a governor, in a king, in a prime minister, in your chancellor, in America, in your lovely girlfriend or even in yourself. None of these individuals or things would be the best choice for you. But let's talk about the One who is—Jesus Christ. He'll never let you down.

Someone anonymous once said, *"Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him a hopeless end."* How true! Do you live in a nation where the economy is whack and the outlook is worse? Try the up-look! Have your plans and hard work all seemed to have come to nothing? Have you prayed and now don't understand why the circumstances have quickly soured? Have you ever experienced reversals, despondency or despair? Have you watched so much news that you feel like doing engaging in some hardcore worrying about how things will go in the future? YO, it's too soon to give up!

Hey, you don't need to fret; you don't need to give up all that you know to be true because of some things you don't know about. You just need hope in a Person who is real—one that won't fail you—and I know where you can find Him.

As storm clouds form on the horizon—and they will from time to time—do you ever stop and ask yourself about what you are building your life upon—on shifting sand or on an immovable eternal Rock? Do you ever ask yourself: Who am I really worshipping?

Yes, you and I agree that it's simply too hard for anyone to live during these uncertain times without hope. People need divine solace and to see light at the end of the dark tunnel they've been struggling to get through. Edward Mote wrote a familiar hymn and I just love the first verse of it because it sums up hope for every believer, ***"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name."***

We study the issues, we speak up with honesty and we vote intelligently, but we are to never trust in the sweetest mortal frame—whether they be some clean cut Christian leader, some moral atheist, some progressive left-wing philosopher, some half-baked republican, some rebellious publican with cool dreadlocks, a bad message and a beat up Gibson guitar... some hardcore democrat, or some preppy independent with a near George Clooney smile—**because there is Someone greater who is always in control of this universe. In Him (our Lord) all things literally hold together!**

Will there soon be or has there been an election in your Land? Did your candidate win or lose? Does the winner stand for biblical values and beliefs, or did they simply look better and have the gift to gab along with strong PR marketing skills? In the end all will see that God is fair—His Kingdom will soon come on earth and set all things straight.

No matter who wins or has won and will lead your country; Christians are to keep things in proper perspective, maintain the right attitude and inner spirit, pray diligently for their leaders in office, as well as for their fellow countrymen on all sides of the issues. Love must go beyond mere horizontal verbal expression. To say it to man ..that's just the easy part, but to say it on your knees first and then take the right actions that show love.. is more challenging.

I am so grateful for Billy Graham's exemplary life. Yes, through so many decades he's carefully and wisely befriended so many world leaders and presidents in the White House and he didn't show special preference towards the liberals or towards the conservatives. He simply wanted to befriend them all short of spiritual compromise; to bluntly and respectfully witness to each one who was outside of Christ, to clearly and adequately explain the Gospel and to pray with them, to encourage and build up a life ..when that opportunity came up. Christian, let's never hate people, but prayerfully reach out to the lost and come together in loving unity around Christ and biblical Essentials.

Above all I'm grateful for Jesus Christ who balanced love and discipline; genuine care and truth. He ***"is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the Church"*** ([Col. 1:17-18](#), nkjv).. which Church you and all the others need to apart of.

Yes, some things are more important than the important things in politics. We must remember the Lamb of God who is our ultimate Leader—our King of kings—He's way beyond awesome! He's compassionate, straight shooting, omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent! He's never surprised, never learning, never changing, never evil or vindictive.. never puffed-up or caught off guard saying "Oops," and never falling off His throne. You might feel leery of Him due to some sideways or religious Christians you've met (who really aren't), but God is light and there is no darkness in Him. Jesus is real and what He claims to be—God, your viable Solution!

Listen, you can have this thing He offers called "hope" – it's for everyone who is born of the Spirit! You can freely receive His hope and righteousness, but you sure can't earn this stuff!

"His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

—Lamentations 3:22-23

"...the eyes of your understanding being enlightened." —Ephesians 1:18

"Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God"

—Psalm 42:11

May I ask you: Have you been born from above? What's more important than that? You can be [right now](#) and then experience an infilling of hope that's living! The choice is yours to make ..and not to make a choice is to make the choice. Don't put it off until tomorrow.

God never turns away any repentant person trusting in His Son ..who sincerely turns to Him for hope. Yes, hope is for the child of God today because their name is literally logged in the "*Lamb's Book of Life*"—they've made reservations in advance through faith in Jesus Christ.

From the beginning, as you read through history you will see that the children of God have always been on earth to bring light, love and hope into this world (no matter their leader or the laws of their particular land). God can empower us no matter what! We've never served the Lord under Nero have we?

Believers are here to be respectful, gentle, salt and light ..speaking out about what we and God are for and against the wickedness ..restraining the evil. Irreligious people and leaders desperately need to hear about this hope in Christ. And God wants to use all His children to encourage and give hope to one another. Just like vine branches being part of the whole plant; each part spreads hope to the other thirsty parts, and all the needy brethren are then given nourishment and hope from the root.

Choose to be upbeat believer! Praise the Lord vigorously! His sun keeps on rising every day. It has given us warmth and life-giving light that floods the beautiful forests of His planet and we can be grateful. None of us are promised tomorrow, but God has given us more than we deserve.

Worship Christ alone! The rapture of the Church ain't far off. When you have your eyes fixed on Christ the author and finisher of your faith ..who also suffered because of sinners and forgave ([Heb. 12:2](#)), then you will have His hope and love inside your heart.

Sure, you'll still go through painful trials, testings and temptations, but all these things are only temporary. Yes, contrary to what many TV preachers tell you, Christians will have fierce opposition, mocking, reproach and persecution because they're boldly standing up for what is right in a hopeless world bent towards what is wrong. Daily remember the Lord of hope—call out to Him who graciously provides, protects, heals, comforts, revives and restores us. Remember His tender loving-kindness and how every single day we can look forward to our eternal home of Light and Love in Heaven. We are here to build an eternal Kingdom instead of some lame one that passes away and is forgotten.

So don't be discouraged by the weaknesses, shortsightedness or foibles of your current leaders, our job is to follow Christ uncompromisingly, to go fishing with Him, to pray for all our leaders earnestly, to submit to authority short of sin, and to shine the light real bright! Hey, we all have our blunders and shortcomings don't we and yet Jesus intercedes for us.

“Lord, You are my hope. Lord, I have trusted You since I was young.” —Psalm 71:5

“Through Christ you believe in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave Him glory. So your faith and your hope are in God.” —1 Peter 1:21

Christians, we humbly make our requests known vertically, but demand zip from Him. We keep ourselves pure rather than polluted.

May His glorious sturdy Kingdom come, may my feeble tattered kingdom go! May His will be done in your country and mine ..as we believe and fish for souls! The Lord needs us not and He owes us nothing, but it's cool that we serve a merciful God who still delights in raising the dead! Is your human spirit still dead? He'll [quicken it!](#)

He doesn't raise everything that dead (some things ought to remain that way permanently), but even the sorrow and "death" of an election day sunset can be followed by the joyous "resurrection" of a sunrise the following day. Have you shed tears? The Bible says, ***"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning"*** ([Ps. 30:5](#)). Christian, maybe it's not morning where you live yet, but mark my words ..it will arrive! And our hope can be fully renewed if our focus is right ..rather than directed towards some fallible leader or system. The Bible says of God, ***"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee"*** (Isa. 26:3).

"Christ is pure, and all who have this hope in Christ keep themselves pure like Christ."
—1 John 3:3

"There are three things that will endure—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love." —1 Corinthians 13:13

So regardless of all the lies, all the wrong and all the destructive things happening around you; the long night of sin and darkness doesn't have to invade your own experience. In Christ we find our victory. In Him even the bad things will work together for good and will give way to an awesome eternal day up in paradise. So glad [Romans 8:28](#) and 29 are still in effect! We are certain inside that in all things God works for the good of those who are passionate towards Him. Are you in love with Christ? Have you been called according to his purpose? Take heart; there's hope. Have you walked away from Jesus? Admit it and quit it. He says, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" ([2 Chron 7:14](#)).

You remember how those dark clouds filled the sky over ruthless Romans, religious Jews and Christ's innocent head as he hung on Calvary's cross for us all. All appeared totally hopeless then for his forgetful followers. The dark night of scourging, blood and nail-pierced-death came upon Him, and His lifeless body was laid in a cold and lonely ..borrowed tomb. But He arose on the third day just like He said! We love all His promises, because God still keeps them! And in His physical resurrection is still the promise of our own resurrection to life in the near future.

The apostle Paul taught Christians not to meditate or hope aimlessly independent of God's Word, but declared, ***"Even so in Christ all shall be made alive"*** ([1 Cor. 15:22](#)).

***Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home. —Wesley***

***Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week,
They came to the tomb when the sun had risen. --Mark 16:2***

Are you sick, hurting, rejected, slandered, or mourning? Is that related to an election or some other affliction or malady? It might get worse before it gets better ..even though some might think it already got better.

But during our times of deepest grieving, long-term sorrow or even temporary sadness and loss.. when in the depths we seem to be sinking low... if we will but look away up to our faithful Lord, His selfless love and compassion TO US WILL LITTERALLY FLOW... and then in us can grow. During

times of harsh disappointment when all hope has done fled, it's the Lord who will help us, His Message of hope to spread ..and to see what cannot be seen with only a human eye. God, help us to look in the book and try with your Spirit's eyes and see the riches beyond the sky!

Do you have a prayer request? Would you like to share with us what God is doing in your life? [Contact](#) us today!

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