

IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS THAN JESUS BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Israel was given a HOPE to look forward to – the coming Messiah.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a future. Jeremiah 29:11(NIV)

²¹ This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have HOPE. ²² The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:21-23 (NASB 1995)

The HOPE of Israel – the Messiah – became the HOPE of all the World as symbolized by the lighting of the first Advent candle.

Matthew 12:18-21/Isaiah 42:1-4 (NASB 1995) ¹⁸ "BEHOLD, MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN; MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL is WELL-PLEASED; I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM, AND HE SHALL PROCLAIM JUSTICE TO THE GENTILES.

¹⁹ "HE WILL NOT QUARREL, NOR CRY OUT; NOR WILL ANYONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS.

²⁰ "A BATTERED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK OFF, AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT PUT OUT, UNTIL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY.

²¹ "AND IN HIS NAME THE GENTILES WILL HOPE."

HOPE allows followers of the Messiah to take the long view and live with perseverance in this life. Romans 8:18-25 (NASB 1995)

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in HOPE ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. ²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

²⁴ For in HOPE we have been saved, but HOPE that is seen is not HOPE ; for who hopes for what he *already* sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

We who have been born again in Jesus Christ have a HOPE that is beyond that offered by this world, and our HOPE will lead us into the very presence of God in heaven.

1 Peter 1:3-5 (NASB 1995)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living HOPE through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Since we have the blessing of such a great HOPE, we can share it with others and be an eternal blessing to them as well.

¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the HOPE that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; 1Peter 3:15 (NASB 1995)

Matthew 20:1-16

Every Believer is Called to Work in the Vineyard - Opportunities Abound -

Everyone is a member of the team, the body, regardless of age, ability, maturity in Christ, or background.

We have the privilege of sharing the Living HOPE