

A Message for You

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Gift of Hope



A Sure Hope

Through His birth, Christ brought hope in times of uncertainty and doubt:

When the true message, the Good News, first came to you, you heard about the hope it offers. So your faith and love are based on what you hope for, which is kept safe for you in heaven. The gospel keeps bringing blessings and is spreading throughout the world, just as it has among you ever since the day you first heard about the grace of God and came to know it as it really is.

Colossians 1.5-6

The promises of God – fulfilled through Jesus Christ – fill us with hope:

I ask that your minds may be opened to see his light, so that you will know what is the hope to which he has called you, how rich are the wonderful blessings he promises his people, and how very great is his power at work in us who believe. This power working in us is the same as the mighty strength which he used when he raised Christ from death and seated him at his right side in the heavenly world.

Ephesians 1.18-20

A Living Hope

We are encouraged to hold on to the heavenly hope that brings life:

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope, and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people. He keeps them for you in heaven, where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away. They are for you, who through faith are kept safe by God's power for the salvation which is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

1 Peter 1.3-5

We who have found safety with God are greatly encouraged to hold firmly to the hope placed before us. We have this hope as an anchor for our lives. It is safe and sure.

Hebrews 6.18-19

What is this hope placed before us?

The mystery is that Christ lives in you, and he is your hope of sharing in God's glory.

Colossians 1.27 (CEV)