

the HOPE OF GLORY

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"He is the Image of the Invisible God, the Firstborn of All Creation. For through Him all things were created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created through Him, and for Him. And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And He is the Head of the Body - the Church; and He is the Beginning, the Firstborn From the Dead; so that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all the fulness dwell; and, having made peace through the blood of His cross, through Him to reconcile all things unto himself; through Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, who were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled you in the body of His flesh through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and beyond-reproach in His sight; if indeed you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you have heard, and which was preached to all creation which is under heaven; of which I Paul am made a minister; and who now rejoices in my sufferings for you, and fill up in My flesh that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ, for His Body's sake, which is the Church; of which I was made a minister, according to the stewardship of God which was given to Me for you, to fulfill the word of God; even the mystery which has been hidden from past-ages, and from generations, but has now been made manifest to His saints; 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; whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." (Colossians 1:15-28)

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the commandment of God our Savior, and Christ Jesus, who is Our Hope; unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." (1 Tim. 1:1-2)

Hope: from the Greek word *elpis* which means: hope, expectation, trust, confidence; the expectation of what is sure or certain, such as the promises of God which are not yet seen, realized, or received, that these will indeed be seen, revealed, realized, and received.

Glory: from the Greek word *doxes* (from doxa) which means: that-something which brings-forth a good opinion; (always good in N.T.), thus: of-glory, glorious, praise, honor, glory, renown; especially of divine quality, the splendor and majesty of God and of Jesus.

In context Jesus is '**Our Hope**'; that is the **Gentiles Hope** also! Christ Jesus in us Gentiles is the **Hope of Glory**. But these titles speak of promises yet to be realized and revealed in Christ Jesus; for hope that is seen is not hope! Consider this passage from the Bible:

"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. For the earnest expectation of the creation waits (hopes) for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creation was made subject to futility, not willingly, but by reason of Him who has subjected the same in hope, that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the slavery to corruption into the glorious freedom of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors in birth-pain together until now. And not only they, but we ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting (hoping) for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For this hope we are saved; but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, then do we with patience wait (hope) for it." (Romans 8:18-25)

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Christ Jesus in us is the Hope of **Glory**! That Glory of Christ Jesus is what makes this title so wonderful! Consider these scriptures:

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation works patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God is poured about within our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.” (Romans 5:1-6)

“Therefore accept one another, as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision (the Jews) for the truth of God, to confirm the promises (of hope) made unto the fathers: that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, *“For this cause I will confess You among the Gentiles, and sing unto Your name.”* And again He saith, *“Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people (the Jews).”* And again, *“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; and praise Him, all you peoples.”* And again, Isaiah says, *“There shall be a Root of Jesse, and He that shall rise is to reign over the Gentiles; in Him (Jesus) shall the Gentiles hope.”* Now may the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:7-13)

“But if the ministry of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which did fade away; how shall not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excels it. For if that which is done away was glorious, how much more that which remains is glorious. Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech. ... Now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Corinthians 3:7-12, 17-18)

The Hope of Glory shared this promise of hope with His disciples:

“Then said Jesus unto His disciples, 'If any man will follow after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever will save his life shall lose it; and whoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man (Jesus Himself) shall come in the Glory of His Father with his angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works.' “

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...Christ in us! Changing us by His Spirit into the same image from glory to glory!

He is Our Hope – even in Himself ...

**... to present us holy and blameless and beyond-reproach in His sight;
an in the presence of His Glory at the right Hand of the Father!**

Thank You Jesus Always and always, and Forever and ever, Amen and Amen !!!