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Scripture: Colossians 1:27b

INTRODUCTION

Thoughts on hope

“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all” (Dale Carnegie)

“If you lose hope, somehow you lose the vitality that keeps life moving, you lose that courage to be, that quality that helps you go on in spite of it all. And so today I still have a dream” (Martin Luther King Jr.)

“No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame” (Psalm 25:3).

“The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him” (Lamentations 3:25).

“Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27b).

A CONSTANT HOPE (Colossians 1:3-8)

- Have Faith in Christ – understand God’s grace.
- Have Love for all the saints – yield to the Spirit.
- Have Hope for the future – hold fast to His Word.

A CERTAIN HOPE (Colossians 1:9)

- Desire to be filled with a knowledge of His will.
- Desire spiritual wisdom.
- Desire spiritual understanding.

A COMPELLING HOPE (Colossians 1:10-11)

- To live a life worthy of the Lord and pleasing to Him.
- To bear fruit in every good work.
- To grow in knowledge of the Lord.

A CONFIDENT HOPE (Colossians 1:11-12)

- Living a life of endurance and patience.
- Living a life of joyful worship.
- Living a life of Kingdom blessings.

CONCLUSION

Declare this Jesus (Colossians 1:28-29)

“We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.”

Live out your hope (Romans 12:12)

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. [13] Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”