

FEAR NOT

For God hath not given
us the spirit of **fear**;
but of **power**, and of
love, and of a **sound**
mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

Transformed by HOPE



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IN A PREVIOUS
MESSAGE WE TALKED
ABOUT GOD'S
ABILITY TO
TRANSFORM YOU.

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GOD'S
TRANSFORMATIONAL
CHANGE IS ALWAYS
ONGOING AND IS
WORKING IN YOU.

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GOD'S SEES,
KNOWS, AND
DECLARES THE END
FROM THE
BEGINNING.



- God is ever at work for you with three things.
- They are His **FAITH**, His **HOPE**, and His **LOVE**.
- In our last message we focused on **FAITH**.
- His FAITH is the FOUNDATION of all your CONFIDENCE.
- The second of these is the operation of His **HOPE**.
- He is the living **HOPE** that never fades away!

What is HOPE



- Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy **hath begotten us again unto a lively (living) HOPE** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- To an **inheritance** incorruptible, and **undefiled**, and that **fadeth** not away, **reserved** in heaven **for you**. 1 Peter 1:3-4
- This precious GIFT of ETERNAL LIFE is our INHERITANCE and it never fades away and is FOR YOU!
- Who are **kept by the power of God through faith** unto salvation ready to be **revealed in the last time**. 1 Peter 3:5
- This is our **HOPE!**

JESUS!



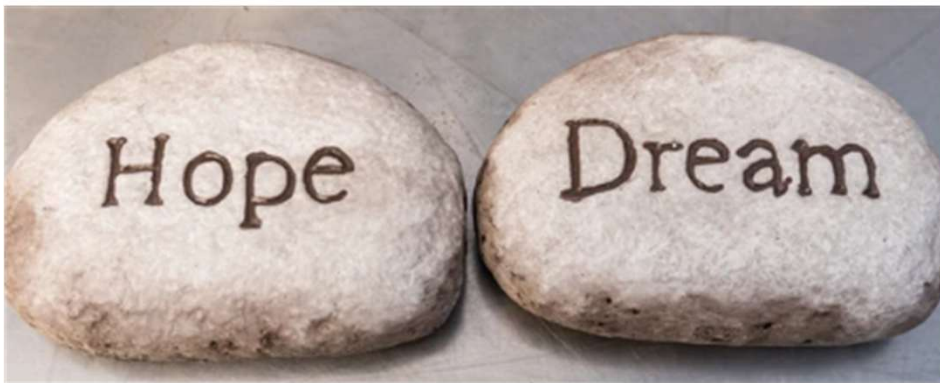
BLESSED
HOPE

- His living **HOPE** will not fade away. It is our “blessed **HOPE**”.
 - Looking for that **blessed HOPE**, and the **glorious appearing** of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13
- Our greatest **HOPE** is that we shall **be LIKE JESUS**.
 - Behold, what manner of **love** the Father hath bestowed **upon us**, that we should be called **the sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
 - Beloved, **now** are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but **we know** that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him**; for **we shall see him as he is**.
 - And **every man that hath this HOPE** in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 1 John 3:1-3

Confidence in Christ!



- Both the Old and the New Testament words for “**HOPE**” mean “**expectation**”.
- The New Testament adds to the meaning, “**confidence** in receiving the thing hoped for”.
- We have the right to **EXPECT** God to help us because his promises are **GUARANTEED**.
 - Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob **for his help**, whose **HOPE** is in the LORD his God. Psalms 146:5
 - Now the **God of HOPE** fill you with all **joy** and **peace** in **believing**, that ye may **abound in HOPE**, through the **power of the Holy Ghost**. Romans 15:13



- **FAITH** has to do with the **PRESENT**.
- **HOPE** has to do with our **FUTURE**.
- Our **HOPE** is our **EXPECTATION**, our anticipation of what is yet **TO COME**.
- Synonyms for **HOPE** include, “desire, aspiration, dream, plan, or wish”.
- What are some of your dreams?
- Know that your greatest expectations for yourself cannot COMPARE with the GOODNESS that the loving Father has in store for your future.
 - For he performeth *the thing that is appointed for me*: and many such *things are* with him. Job 23:14
 - And we know that **all things work together for good to them that love God**, to them **who are the called according to his purpose**. Romans 8:28

Maturing in His HOPE



CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF
GLORY

- The **secret** to **GROWING UP**, maturing, in God's **HOPE** is found in the **person** of the **Holy Spirit**.
- *Even* the **mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but **now is 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**. Colossians 1:26-27

- The word “**Christ**” means, “**the anointed one**”.
- There were three kinds of person who were anointed in the Old Testament.
- The **PROPHET**, exemplified by **ELISHA**.
 - **Elisha** the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint *to be* **prophet** in thy room. 1 Kings 19:16
- The **PRIEST**, seen by **AARON** and his sons.
 - And thou shalt put upon **Aaron** the holy garments, and **anoint him**, and sanctify him; **that he may minister unto me** in the priest's office.
 - And thou shalt **bring his sons**, and clothe them with coats:
 - And **thou shalt anoint them**, as **thou didst anoint their father**, that they may **minister unto me** in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an **everlasting priesthood** throughout their generations. Exodus 40:13-15
- The **KING**, such as **DAVID**.
 - Then **Samuel** took the horn of oil, and **anointed him** in the midst of his brethren: and **the Spirit of the LORD** came upon **David** from that day forward. 1 Samuel 16:13
 - And the **men of Judah** came, and there they anointed **David** king **over the house of Judah**. 2 Samuel 2:4
 - So all the **elders of Israel** came to the king to Hebron; and **king David** made a league with them in **Hebron** before the LORD: and **they anointed David king over Israel**. 2 Samuel 5:3

- The **PROPHET** is God's mouthpiece. He is God's spokesperson.
- There is a powerful anointing **WITHIN** believers to **TELL OTHERS** about Jesus.
 - The **testimony of Jesus** is the spirit of **prophecy**. Revelations 19:10
- The **PRIEST** is appointed to show God's mercy.
- There is a compassionate anointing available **WITHIN** every Christian to bring others to Jesus.
 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
 - For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:16-17
 - The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise. Proverbs 11:30
- The **KING** is one who walks in authority. With authority comes **POWER**.
 - Where the word of a king *is*, *there is* power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou? Ecclesiastes 8:4
- The Christ **IN YOU** (like a King) is the anointing and authority to take charge of every situation, because the **POWER** of God's **NAME** is written on your heart.

The **Mystery** of Christ is **IN YOU**.
The **Mystery** is the **HOPE** of **Glory**!

God's **HOPE**, His **EXPECTATION**, is to have a **GLORIOUS** church, a **PEOPLE**, who **KNOW** and **SHARE** His **Glory**.

That he might present it to himself a **glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be **holy** and **without blemish**. Ephesians 5:27

People will let us Down!



- As a Grief Recovery Counselor, I know firsthand how people suffer grief due to **EXPECTATIONS** not realized.
- This happens when we **EXPECT** people and situations to be as WE had **HOPED** they would be.
 - **HOPE** deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life. Proverbs 13:12
- If things do eventually work out to how we had **HOPED**, then it is life to us.
- It is so important to set our **EXPECTATIONS** on our **HOPE** in Christ, rather than our **HOPE** in people.
- People will almost always let us down, because we are people!

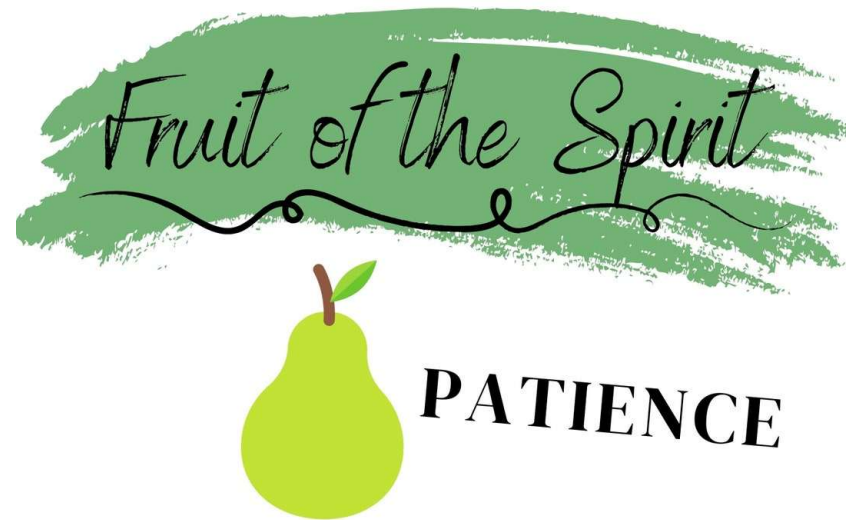
- **DEFERRED** means “to drag along, to be drawn out, to postpone, to be delayed.”
- You may be expecting that spouse or child to be all they are called to be in Christ. The **WAIT** is **DEFERRED** and it causes grief, a sick heart.
- Often times we will never see in fruition our **expectations** of people.
- Our **expectations** of people may not happen until after our death.
- Also, understand that God’s delays are not His denials.



- We often experience disappointment which can bring **frustration**, irritation, disillusionment, setbacks, failures, letdowns, and defeat.
- This happens to all of us. It is called **LIFE**.
- People and things will disappoint you. But I have **GOOD NEWS!**
- There is **NO Disappointment in JESUS!**
- We all, Christians included, experience annoyances and aggravations.
- Things don't happen as quickly as we would like.
- But the **CHRIST IN US**, the **HOPE** of Glory, has overcome all of our impatience.

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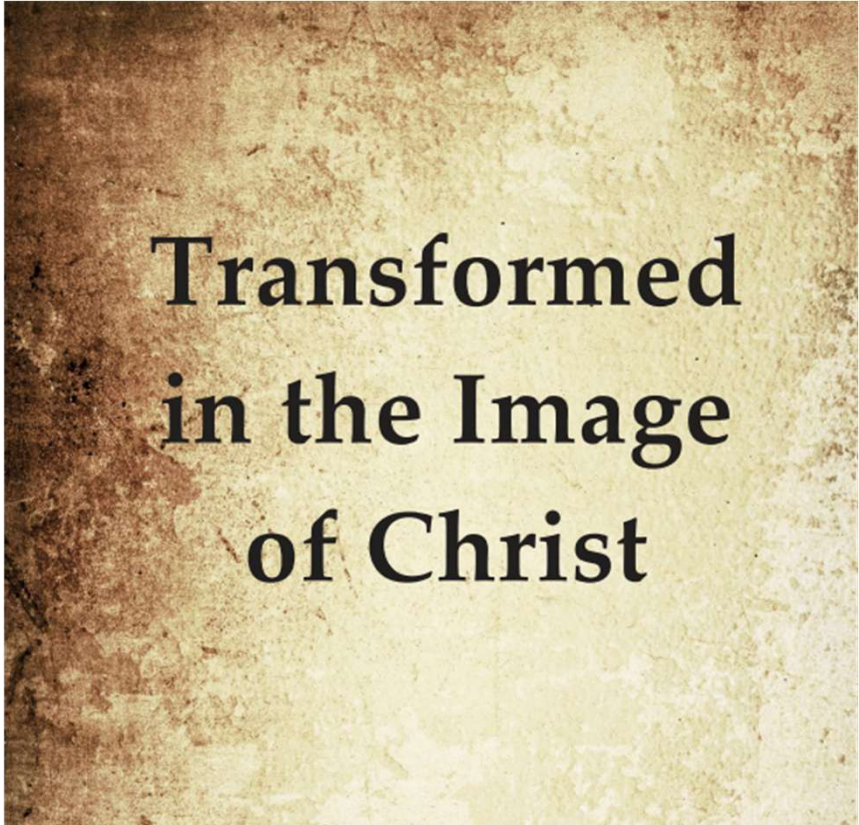
- One of the fruits of the Spirit is **Patience**.
- **Patience** is real staying power, without complaining or grumbling.
- We must keep our **HOPE** and our mind on the hope and the **expectations** that Christ has given us.
- The Christian is blessed with much to look forward to, and so many things to hope for!
 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
 - Meekness, **temperance**: against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23



- The Bible reveals that you and I have the right to receive the following:
- The **HOPE** of gladness.
 - The **hope** of the righteous *shall be gladness*: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. Proverbs 10:28
- The **HOPE** of God's promises.
 - And now I stand and am judged for the **hope** of the **promise** made of **God** unto our fathers. Acts 26:6
- The **HOPE** of the glory of God.
 - By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in **hope** of the **glory** of God. Romans 5:2
- The **HOPE** of righteousness.
 - For we through the Spirit wait for the **hope** of **righteousness** by faith. Galatians 5:5
- The **HOPE** of God's calling.
 - The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the **hope** of his **calling**, and what the **riches** of the **glory** of his **inheritance in the saints**. Ephesians 1:18
- The **HOPE** of full salvation.
 - But let **us**, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the **hope** of **salvation**. 1 Thessalonians 5:8
- The **HOPE** of eternal life.
 - In **hope** of **eternal life**, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began. Titus 1:2

The HOPE of God is a PERSON

- We are being transformed every day by God's faith, God's **HOPE**, and God's love.
- The living **HOPE** that never fades away is a Person, and His Name is JESUS! It is His **HOPE**!
 - Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, *which is our **HOPE***. 1 Timothy 1:1
- Paul was on assignment for Christ. He had the living **HOPE**, our Saviour.



Transformed
in the Image
of Christ



**You do not need
to be afraid of
your present or
your future.**

Your future is
SECURE, wrapped
up in the loving
arms of JESUS
Himself.

Put your **HOPES**
and DREAMS in His
Hands.

He will not
disappoint you!



Self-Reflective Indicators of Spiritual Strength



What are you dreaming and hoping for?



What do you look for in your future?



Has anything or anyone ever let you down? Of course they have! Do you know how to overcome those kinds of disappointments?



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