

# **YOUR ONLY HOPE**

Romans 15:12-13      Jeff Schreve

*And again Isaiah says, "THERE SHALL COME THE ROOT OF JESSE, AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES, IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE." Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:12-13*

**True hope is confident assurance and expectation in the person and work of Jesus Christ and in the promises of God.**

**Do you have the only true hope for this life and the next?**

## **1. True hope is found only in the Lord.**

*"And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me. Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other." Isaiah 45:21-22*

A. Many people put their hope in riches.

*Instruct those who are rich in this present world **not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God**, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. 1 Timothy 6:17*

B. Many people put their hope in power and government.

*A horse is a false hope for victory; Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength. Psalm 33:17*

*Do not trust in princes, In mortal man, in whom there is no salvation.  
Psalm 146:3*

C. Many people put their hope in wishful thinking.

## **2. True hope becomes yours when you believe in Jesus Christ.**

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A. Believe that Jesus is God in the flesh.

*"I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins." John 8:24*

B. Believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose again.

*Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4*

C. Turn from your sin and embrace the risen Savior.

**3. True hope comes with amazing benefits.**

A. The Holy Spirit comes to live within you.

*... to whom God willed to 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 1:27*

B. The Holy Spirit fills you with His joy, peace, and power.

C. The Holy Spirit enables you to be hopeful in every situation.

*"With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God." Mark 10:27*

*This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil. Hebrews 6:19*

**Will you leave today with true hope?**