

# Hope: Here and Now

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The Word of God gives believers Hope Here on Earth and Hope for Heaven to come.

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### CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

Colossians 1:4-5

#### **Colossians 1:4–5 ESV**

<sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,

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## I. HOPE IN HEAVEN

### A. CHRISTIANS HAVE A STRONG HOPE IN A DESTINY IN HEAVEN

Acts 23:6; 1 Corinthians 15:19

### B. CHRISTIANS LIVE HERE AND NOW IN A HOPE FOR HEAVEN

Matthew 6:19-20; 2 Timothy 4:8

## II. HOPE ON EARTH

### A. SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND THANKSGIVING GROWS HOPE HERE AND NOW

Colossians 1:9; 2 Thessalonians 1:3

### B. THE BORN AGAIN ARE OBEDIENT TO TRUTH AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER DUE TO THE HOPE IN GOD HERE ON EARTH

1 Peter 1:21-23; Hebrews 6:10

## III. HOPE IN THE WORD

### A. GOD'S WORD BRINGS HOPE CLOSER AND CLOSER

Romans 10:8; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Ephesians 1:13

### B. IT IS NOT AN ORDINARY WORD THAT GIVES US HOPE AND WE HUNGER FOR IT

1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 2:2

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## GOD'S INVITATION AND PLAN OF SALVATION

**HEAR - ROMANS 10:17**

**BELIEVE AND CONFESS - ROMANS 10:9-10**

**REPENT - LUKE 13:3**

**BE BAPTIZED - ROMANS 6:3-4**

**REMAIN FAITHFUL - REVELATION 2:10**

### New to the Faith

- First Principles

### Have you fallen away from Faith?

- Need to be Restored

### My Decision Today

- I would like to be baptized today
- I would like to renew my life to Christ
- I would like to learn more about Jesus and the Bible

### Questions: What are my next steps?

- Come forward to be baptized
- Request a Bible Study to learn more
- Attend Bible Class to grow and mature
- Find a place to serve others
- Apply today's lesson to my life