



Sunday Morning Sermon by Ray Reynolds on March 18, 2018

INTRODUCTION: The blessing of “Christ in you” is called “the hope of glory.” What does that mean? It is a REAL hope. Not a new hope. Not a false hope. It is our ONLY hope. Paul identifies that to live without Christ is to die without hope! There is no comfort at death except the sure hope of heaven for those who are saved. The word “hope” is a Greek word that means “confidence.” How can we have a confident hope? Let’s study together...

DISCUSSION:

I. THE SAVING HOPE OF A CHRISTIAN

“For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance” (Romans 8:24-25).

II. THE GOOD HOPE OF A CHRISTIAN

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work” (II Thessalonians 2:16-17).

III. THE BLESSED HOPE OF A CHRISTIAN

“...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13).

IV. THE LIVING HOPE OF A CHRISTIAN

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (I Peter 1:3).

V. THE PURIFYING HOPE OF A CHRISTIAN

“And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure” (I John 3:3).

CONCLUSION: Our Christian hope is a firm assurance regarding things that are unseen and unclear (**Hebrews 11:1-7**). Only a child of God can have the one true hope! **Ephesians 2:12-13** says, “...at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” Do you have hope? Are you sharing that hope with others?