

THANKSgiving
Hope of Glory
Sunday, November 14, 2021

Ephesians 1: 11-20 NIV

¹¹In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹²in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.

1. Hope of Glory

Isaiah 40:5 The Glory of the Lord will be revealed

Colossians 1:27 Christ in you, the Hope of Glory!

2 Corinthians 3:18 All who had the veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord.

2. Light and Salvation

2 Corinthians 4:6 The glory of God is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory.

Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation.

3. Promise Keeper

John 14:1-3 You believe in God; believe also in Me.

Exodus 15:2 The Lord is my strength. He has become my salvation.

Conclusion: Jesus Christ in us is the Hope of Glory! This hope we have is eternal and not affected by this broken world. In Christ, we are fully satisfied and will search no more. In Christ, we have assurance of victory over every trial we face. In Christ, we rise in glory to join Him in the heavenly realms! Let us believe and give thanks to Jesus, *the Hope of Glory!*

LIFE GROUP LESSON
Hope of Glory

Week of November 14 – November 20, 2021

Ice Breaker: Who do you know Jesus to be?

Read Ephesians 1: 11-20.

1. What words are stated that talk about your fate in life? (v.11)
2. How are all things worked out by God? (vs.11-12) For what reason?
3. What happened to us the moment we believed in Christ? (v. 13)
4. Why is the Holy Spirit sent as a seal to believers? (v.14)
5. What is Paul (the author) doing in his prayers? (vs. 15-16)
6. What does Paul specifically ask God to grant believers? (vs. 17-19)
7. Why is it important to give thanks in prayer to faithful believers?
8. How important is it for us to pray for continued enlightenment and power to flow through believers we know and the church as a whole?
9. Read v. 18, what does this verse mean to you?
10. Do you pray and ask God to grant you these spiritual blessings with increasing measure? How could this affect your daily life as you do?
11. What power are we accessing with Christ in us? (vs. 19-20)
12. If this power raised Christ from the dead, what will this power do for you?
13. How important is it for us to understand the magnitude of the power at work in and through us?
14. Read Isaiah 40:5. Who is this prophecy referring to?
15. Read Colossians 1:27. What is the mystery God has made known?
16. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. What has been removed and what can we see?
17. Read 2 Corinthians 4:6. Where do we see the glory of God?
18. Read Hebrews 1:3. What truths are made known about Jesus?
19. Read John 14: 1-3. What is Jesus-the Hope of Glory, affirming?
20. Read Exodus 15:2. Who do we hope in? Why? How do we respond to Him?

Point to ponder: Jesus is the Hope of Glory. There is no greater hope we will ever know. He is sufficient in every way, for every need, trial and fear we face. *“You believe in God; believe also in Me.”* Let our actions and our praises be reflective of our absolute faith in Christ, our Hope of Glory.