



The Arrival of Hope

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Romans 8:22-25

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Luke 2:25-32

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

*²⁹"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.*

³⁰For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

Incarnation

- When Jesus came to our world, hope came to the **longing** and **waiting**

Jesus is the hope and source of salvation

The prophets had pointed the way and built-up expectations

When Jesus came the hope of the nations entered human history. (Even to those who did not recognize Him)

1 Peter 1

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Inspiration

- Jesus is here with us and in us. His **presence** and **coming** give us bold hope each day

We find hope in His sacrificial suffering

We live in the hope of His daily presence and power

We are confident in the hope of heaven

How does your hope in Jesus lead you to holiness in your daily life?

Colossians 1:24-27

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have

become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Illustration

- **When we walk into any room, Jesus comes with us. We bring hope to a hopeless generation**

We model bold hope and confidence in the truth of God's word (an anchor in the storms)

We model bold hope and confidence in the reality that God leads and guides us

We model bold hope and confidence in the promise of salvation and eternal life in Jesus

When people look at you, do they see hope and are they drawn to the God of hope?