

THERE IS HOPE...

...IN JESUS

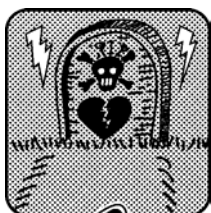
We don't often hear of hope today. But in Jesus there is great hope. There is hope for a new beginning in life. There is hope for the future.

Why?

Why is there hope in Jesus?

Because Jesus Christ is the gift of hope from God. This hope is found through salvation in Jesus Christ. The Bible says, "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him" (John 3:17).

God sent Jesus to us to give us hope. He does not want to send us away, but God wants to welcome us through Jesus.



The Bible tells us, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

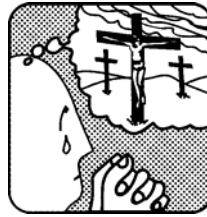
God sent Jesus as a gift of hope. Why did He need to do this?



Because the Bible says, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). This sin in us made us lose all real hope.



The gift of hope comes to us although we don't and never will deserve it — because of sin in our lives. The Bible tells us that, "... all our good deeds are like a filthy rag" (Isaiah 64:6).



We may think that we deserve to have a good break in life, when we really don't. But our helplessness in ourselves can be our hope in Jesus. If only we take the gift that God is holding out to us.

The Bible tells us why we have this hope only in Jesus. "But God demonstrates His own love to us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Through Jesus we can have the hope of forgiven sins: the hope of a new start in life. Praise the Lord!

The Bible tells us what we need, "repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21).

We repent first by confessing and then by turning from sin. The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "... and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).



We place our faith in Christ by receiving Him by faith, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).

Repenting and placing our faith in Christ occur when God renews us spiritually, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven" (John 3:3).



How can you have this hope in Jesus?

If you want this hope found only in Jesus, repent of your sin and place your faith in Him. The following prayer may, in fact, express the desire of your heart.

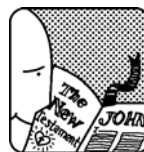


"O GOD, I KNOW THAT I'M A SINNER AND DESERVE HELL. I KNOW THAT JESUS CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS AND ROSE AGAIN FOR ME. I ASK YOU TO FORGIVE ME OF MY SIN. I WANT YOU TO COME INTO MY HEART AND TAKE CONTROL OF MY LIFE. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN."

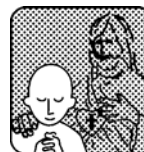
If you've prayed this prayer of commitment to Jesus and really meant it, then you are a born again child of God. Congratulations, the gift of hope in Jesus Christ is now yours!

Jesus tells us, "I will never turn away anyone who comes to Me" (John 6:37). He also says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life" (John 5:24).

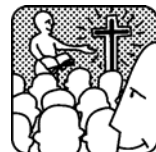
As a believer in Jesus, get to know Him better:



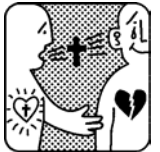
READ
A little of the Bible every day—the Gospel of John is a good place to start.



PRAY
To Jesus as if He were standing right next to you.



WORSHIP
In a good church where the Bible is believed and preached, so that you can grow.



TELL OTHERS
About what you've done—they need hope in Jesus too.