Prisoners of Hope

### Zech. 9:11-12

Zech. 9:11—*As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.*12—*Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee;*

I. The Wretched Condition of the Sinner vs. 11

1. In Prison - "Prisoners"

Pr 5:22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

Ro 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Ro 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

(1) Prisoners to sin -

(2) Prisoners to self -

(3) Prisoners to Satan -

2. In a Pit - "The Pit" Psa. 40:2-4

(1) Polluted -

(2) Horrible -

3. No Satisfaction - "Wherein is no water" John 4:14

(1) No Peace

(2) No Rest

(3) Not Joy

II. The Refuge For The Sinner -

1. There is a place of refuge - "Prisoners of Hope"

2. The blood covenant - vs. 11

"By the blood of thy covenant"

3. The stronghold - Psa. 18:2 Psa. 91:2

Nahum 1:7

The Cross is a refuge.

III. The Blessings of Grace - vs. 12b

1. Salvation - Deliverance - Pardon

"I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit"

The Promise of a Double Measure

Isaiah 61:7 *For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.*

Ro 5:15 *But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*

1Sa 13:20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his **share**, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock.

Joy - Isa. 12:3

Righteousness - II Cor. 5:21

Peace - Psa. 119:165

1Sam. 20:30—*Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?*

Acts 19:29 *And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.*

1Cor. 14:33—*For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

James 3:16—*For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work*.