

## ***HOPE** – A desire for something with an expectation of future good.*

“In the *HOPE* of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago.” Titus 1:2

Have you lost hope in your life?  
Do you feel as though you are hiding behind your smile?  
Do you sometimes feel unworthy of love?  
Do you feel the weight of sin in your life?  
Are you always trying to do good, be good, but keep falling short?

There is Someone who can give you *HOPE* and a promise that can't be broken.

God created you with *HOPE*, that feeling in your heart that longs for something forever, a *HOPE* that you will one day be at peace and have joy everlasting . . . that desire for something with an expectation of future good.

That *HOPE* you search for, long for, even if you cannot put your finger on it, is to live and die and to live again, eternally with your Creator. God created you out of a love we cannot truly understand. After all, how can a holy God love us? Aren't we all if not grand sinners, even the slightest of one, falling so short of a loving God? *Romans 3:23* We think we are good, even righteous, but are we really? No none is righteous, not one, except our gracious God in Heaven. *Romans 3:10* And because of our sins, the Bible tells us that we earn a wage of death . . . not just a physical death but a spiritual death also. *Romans 6:23* And that spiritual death is a death of an eternal separation forever from our Creator, our God. But our God has given us the way to be forgiven and to have a *HOPE* of eternal life with Him. He loved us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for us, even while we were yet sinners. *Romans 5:8* He sent us *HOPE* in human form. *HOPE* for an eternal life. A gift of such great love and such great sacrifice that we do not deserve it. Jesus was born of a virgin, a sinless birth, was crucified and buried, and rose on the third day, defeating death forever. *1 Corinthians 15* He took our sins on Himself, sins He did not deserve, so we could spend eternity with Him.

Do you feel that *HOPE* inside? Do you desire for that “something” with an expectation of future good? If you do then reach out with your faith and trust in Jesus Christ. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” *Romans 10:13* Jesus knows that there is *nothing* you can do to save yourself. Nothing we do, NOTHING, is worthy of a holy, sinless God. It is your faith and His grace that saves you, nothing more, nothing less. It is faith in Christ and Christ alone.

So do not let anything stop you from calling on the One who can fulfill that *HOPE* within you.

1. Simply ask Him to forgive you of your sins, all your sins . . . past, present and future.
2. Ask Him to place His Holy Spirit of love in your heart so that you are His forever.
3. Ask Him to redeem you from the Hell that was only created for Satan.
4. Ask Him to come into your heart right here and right now and save you.
5. Ask Him to fulfill that desire He placed in your heart when He created you for that expectation of that future good of eternity with Him in Heaven.

And after you do this, thank Him for being such a gracious, merciful and loving God. He longs for you to know Him. He wants to save you.