

Kingdom Prophesied

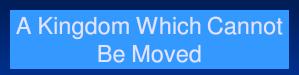
- Dan. 2:44-45 Kingdom would not be destroyed.
- Dan. 7:13-14 Kingdom given when Son of Man ascends.

Kingdom "At Hand"

- John the Baptist. Mt. 3:1-3
- Jesus. Mt. 4:17; 10:5-7; Mk. 1:14-15; Mt. 16:28; Mk. 9:1

"A Kingdom Which Cannot Be Moved" (Heb. 12:28)

- Spiritual Kingdom. Jno. 18:36;
- Spiritual Ruler. Eph. 1:19-23; Acts 2:29ff
- Spiritual Rule. Lk. 17:20-21; Heb. 8:7ff
- Citizenship Obtained By Spiritual Birth. Jno. 3:1-6



Heb. 12:22-28

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"A Kingdom Which Cannot Be Moved" (Heb. 12:28)

- Spiritual Hope. Dan. 2:44ff; Heb. 12:28
 - -The word of God is the seed of the kingdom. Lk. 8:11
 - -It is the hope of heaven. 1 Pet. 1:3-5; Col. 1:5; Eph. 4:4
 - In the end, the kingdom delivered up to God. 1 Cor. 15:22-25

- JOY & COMFORT
- DESPAIR & SORROW
- CHRIST BROUGHT HOPE
 TO A HOPELESS WORLD

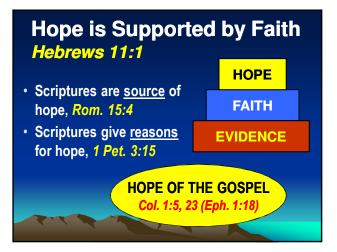
•<u>Salvation</u> (Rom. 8:24; Acts 26:5-6; 1 Thess. 5:8) •<u>Resurrection</u> (Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:19) •<u>Heaven</u> / <u>Eternal life</u> (Col. 1:5; Titus 1:2) •<u>Glory</u> (Col. 1:27; Rom. 5:2)

1 Thess. 4:13:

Rom. 12:12

What is Hope?

- Desire + Expectation = HOPE Rom. 8:23-25; Phil. 1:20, 23
 - Object of our hope is unseen, yet eagerly anticipated & expected
 - Object of our hope is not yet obtained (possessed), *1 Jno.* 3:2-3



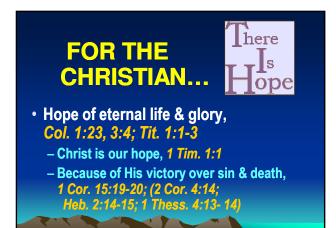
Hope is Supported by Faith Heb. 11:1

 Call of Christ Mt. 11:28-30 Rom. 15:8-13 HOPE OF THE GOSPEL Col. 1:5, 23 (Eph. 1:18)

- Unbelievers are lost in sin & without hope, Eph. 2:12 (1 Thess. 4:13)
- The gospel message is "Christ in you, the hope of glory," Col. 1:23, 27 (Tit. 1:1-3)

Sinners are Offered Hope Rom. 8:23-24 (5:2); Gal. 5:5

- Gospel *reveals* & *offers* hope of salvation and life.
- Gospel plan of salvation brings hope when it is believed & obeyed, Rom. 15:13; 1:16; Mk. 16:15-16 (Acts 2:37-38; 26:6-7; Gal. 3:26-27)
- Obedient faith results in genuine hope, Mt. 7:21-23



FOR THE CHRISTIAN...



- Hope is sure & steadfast, Heb. 6:13-20
 - God's promise, 6:13
 - God's oath, 6:13-14
 - Impossible for God to lie, 6:18 (Tit. 1:2)
 - STRONG ENCOURAGEMENT, 6:18
 - SURE ANCHOR OF THE SOUL, 6:19

FOR THE CHRISTIAN... There Hope is confident & rejoicing. Heb. 3:6 (1)

- Hope is confident & rejoicing, *Heb. 3:6 (14);* 6:11-12 (*Rom. 5:4-5; 12:12*)
- Hope is living, 1 Pet. 1:3-5 ("lively")

 Not Frail & Perishable...Vigorous & Strong
 PATIENCE, 1 Thess. 1:3 (Rom. 8:25)
 PROTECTION, (helmet), 1 Thess. 5:8-9





Hope is unseen, yet eagerly waited for, *Rom.* 8:24-25

- So, we hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, *Heb. 10:23 (4:14); 1 Thess. 1:3*
- By God's grace we have hope that comforts and strengthens, 2 Thess. 2:16-17

FOR THE WORLD... Eph. 2:12 (1-3)



- Without God & in sin: The only prospect is eternal death, *Rom. 6:23; 1 Jno. 2:15-17*
- <u>No Hope</u>: Only fear, pain and sorrow of eternal death, *Heb. 2:14-15; 1 Cor. 15:54-57; 1 Thess. 4:13 (Psa. 16:8-11)*

- Christians live & die in hope, 2 *Tim.* 4:6-8 (1 Cor. 13:13)
- Sinners live & die in hopelessness
- Choose a living hope Rom. 5:1-2; Phil. 3:20-21

This Hope Is In The Kingdom

- Dan 2:44 "And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."
- Heb 12:28 "Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe."

Conclusion

- Have you obeyed the gospel that you might become a citizen of this great kingdom that cannot be moved? 2 Thess. 1:7-9
- You need the security that only this kingdom and its hope can supply! Mt. 11:28-30
- Are you coming to Mt. Zion or to the mountains that will be shaken?

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