

Hope Brings Blessings

This is the third Inspired Message of “Hope” in this series. This time, I am addressing the blessings we can have when we “Hope in the Lord”.

Easter has just past and, as Christians, we celebrated the resurrection of Christ. That resurrection is what gives us hope. And, with it the blessing of knowing that we have eternal life through Christ. Not just that we have eternal life, but that we have Christ with us every day through the Holy Spirit. Trusting Him in all things.

As hard as it can be sometimes, every day we are blessed in some way. On social media, I have seen several posts that mention being blessed in that just waking up is a blessing. Each day presents itself with an opportunity to be blessed and to be a blessing.

Trusting that God has a plan and looking for the “light” in the darkness of daily life can be daunting. Sometimes waking up doesn’t feel like a blessing. Especially when just hiding under the covers feels like the best way to deal with the day. (I’ve been there.) It takes real effort to see anything that even slightly resembles a blessing. Yet, if you look, you will find it. Even if all you do is chuckle at a silly commercial on television, that little chuckle is the light peeping through the closed drapes of your heart.

Jeremiah likens the blessing and hope of trusting in the Lord to a tree that will not “cease from yielding fruit”

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. Jeremiah 17:7-8 (KJV)

We have had a few nice days, but this year winter feels like it will never be over. At least here in the Northeast. Yet, we trust that it will. If you really look, you will see things are getting green and the robins have returned. We can’t stop the seasons changing at their own pace just as we can’t stop the flow of God’s blessings to us. We can turn away from them, but they can’t be stopped. Neither seasons or God.

Our only recourse is to embrace the seasons of the earth as well as the seasons of our hearts. As you look for the signs of spring, look also for the blessings in your life. They may seem to never come, but if you look hard enough, they are there.

When all hope seems lost, remember that God sent us a comforter, the Holy Spirit. That as we go through our daily strife (tribulation) we gain patience, experience and hope.

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Romans 5:3-5 (KJV)

As the Holy Spirit is with you during your darkest day, know that the Lord will bring you through it and that all hope is not lost. You will see the blessings your hope brings.

May you see every blessing the Lord has provided,



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