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SUNDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL I

TEXT: ROMANS 1:1

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, KJV

Welcome to the month of October. It's our Independent day in Nigeria. And we thank God for his mercies over our nation. Why not take some time to give thanks to God because the nation has not been consumed, despite all that has happened this year. It is true that there are a number of dissatisfaction, however, God has sustained you thus far. Remember that last month we received the wisdom of the Lord to pray in affliction; therefore, the right attitude that we should have towards our nation at this time is to pray. And I can assure you that God will be merciful unto us as a nation. Amen

The word of God to us in this month will revolve round the essence of our lives as believers. I realise that the basic foundation upon which our faith is built can gradually slip off our fingers, if we do not deliberately remind ourselves of what we believe and the testament of our faith. We are saved by the preaching of the gospel and we receive salvation through the truth of all that the gospel entails.

What then is the gospel? It is simply explained through Apostle Paul's introduction in Romans 1:1-6; it says: Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) **concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:** by whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ: KJV

The gospel is totally centered on the revelation of Jesus, born as a man, was crucified, died and buried, and was raised from the dead by the power of God through the working of the Holy Spirit. Upon this, grace and faith was brought forth to all men who believe that Jesus came in the flesh, was put to death by cruxification, was raised from the dead and He is alive forever more.

As literal and simple this is, it is the entire truth that constitute the gospel upon which the hope of believers are built through the faith that has been expressed. The gospel speaks volume of a hope that is alive which is resident in Christ Jesus, in that he was raised from the dead. Do you believe in the gospel wherein there is living hope?

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for the nation, Nigeria. I ask for mercies and blessings from you, who is able to keep me alive in famine. Regardless, my hope is anchored on you and the truth of the gospel. Knowing that in it is a hope that does not fade away. Help me to hold unto this hope till the end of time in Jesus' name. Amen

MONDAY, 2ND OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL II

TEXT: ROMANS 1:6

among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ: KJV

Yesterday, we started with the message of hope established in the gospel of Christ. The element that characterizes the faith of the man who believes in Jesus is upheld in the truth that Jesus was born in the flesh, he lived by the power of the Holy Spirit, was crucified, buried and was raised from the dead by the power of God. In his death and resurrection is the hope of the believer. In it is the preaching of the gospel as hope from the decay and corruption of this world.

Apostle Paul explained this truth to the saints (church) at Rome, in order to stir their hearts again in faith and establish that God has called them unto himself in Christ Jesus. The same message has come to you today, dear child of God. You are called through the message of the gospel, wherein you expressed your faith unto God.

God, who at sundry times and diverse manners spake in time past to the saints of old through the prophets, as in this last days spoke and he's still speaking to you through his Son, Jesus Christ. Whom he appointed as heirs of all things and by whom he made the world (Hebrews 1:1-2) The gospel is the sound of the voice of the risen Christ Jesus. His words are clear and full of hope.

He says; I was sent to this world to save all who have been lost and under the rulership of the devil. I was crucified to bear the pain and shame of all who are in sin and are spiritually dead. I was raised by the power of God's Spirit to establish eternal life and victory over sin who held the world in captivity. All who believe in my works will be saved and will not perish but have everlasting life.

The voice of Jesus, the savior of the world is not without a living hope. He called all men to God in reconciliation and by his death, he took away the enmity. Now, all men can come to God with the assurance of faith through Christ Jesus. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. In it God display all his power to save the world from destruction.

Do you know that your life as a believer isn't hopeless? You are only preoccupied with earthly matters, without taking thought of the blessing of salvation and the living hope you have received in Christ Jesus. You are the most blessed of all men because if you die today, you have only enter into a life that has no end. It's an opening to a new dawn of everlasting life in reality. You are not hopeless, look into the mirror of the gospel.

PRAYER

Thank you Lord because I am not hopeless. My life is full of hope and divine expectation. I am saved and this is the assurance of the best kind of life. I walk in the light because Christ Jesus, my Lord and saviour is the light. Regardless of the events in this world, I am of a world that has no end. In this I rejoice. Hallelujah, Amen.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL III

TEXT: ROMANS 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: KJV

God in Christ Jesus, has called the world to himself. This is sustained by his righteousness. Romans 1:17 says that it is in the preaching of the gospel that the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith. Which means that the man who is justified from sins and death is to live by faith.

Salvation is not an afterthought of God's plan. It has been the plan from the beginning of the world. However, at the right time, God sent forth his son made in the likeness of sinful man to condemn sin in the flesh. Galatians 4:4-5 explain this truth saying; but when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. KJV

Thus, adoption was God's manner to save all who come to him through Christ Jesus' death and resurrection. Faith in Christ Jesus become the rod of justification which brought all men to be at peace with God. This doesn't mean that God is fighting with the world. It pointed to the truth that sin stood as an enemy between God and man but in redemption through Christ death and resurrection, the enemy was taken away and peace was restored. Hallelujah!

Furthermore, Romans 5:2-5 continue with the reality that as believers we now stand in faith and rejoice in this hope that we have in Christ. And because we have a living hope, we face diverse challenges, troubles, pain and affliction; yet all these things are to make us stronger because we have an unseen force in our lives. It is the power of God and his presence. Romans 5:5 says; 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 5:5 KJV

By our experiences, through the many challenges we face and was able to overcome, our hope in the Lord alone is stirred up. Thus, this hope can never allow us to be put to shame because God's love (his consistent and persistent character towards us) is shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Spirit which is given to us as a gift in salvation.

How can you quiver and shrink in face of challenges as a child of God, whose hope is alive and can never fade away? It must be that you have given up on the hope that sustain the essence of your life. Get back on track. Ruminate on the joy you have in this world that cannot be taken away from you by anyone or anything. Keep your hope alive because it is indeed a living hope.

PRAYER

Thank you Lord for your love that establish the reality of your presence and power in my life which has been spread abroad by the Holy Spirit. Help me to give attention to your presence in my life. Help me Lord not to give up on myself but face life daily with great hope in you. Amen

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL IV

TEXT: ROMANS 8:18

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. KJV

The message of the gospel came with the reality of God's glory. Hebrew 1:3 describe the only begotten son of God as one in the express image of the Father and the brightness of his glory. Please read;

who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; KJV

God's glory is the expression of Christ Jesus. He is the glory of the Father. John 1:14 establish this truth about Christ Jesus, it says; and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. KJV.

The only begotten son of God is the glory of the Father. He came with the promise of eternal life, a glory that we possess now and span to the future. Howbeit, Romans 8:18 says that we might presently be living with great distress, challenges and sufferings yet they are not to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us. This hope of a glory to be revealed is found in the message of the gospel. That life here on earth isn't the end of all things. We who have bear the earthly image shall bear the heavenly image..

There is a future wherein the glory that we have now as the testament of the reality of our lives becomes vivid and unending. Yet, we are not the only one who is subjected to this hope, even the creation. They all are waiting for the time when all the things we hope for in Christ Jesus are brought to reality. Romans 8:20 says the creation was subject to vanity, not willing, but it was subjected in accordance to the plan of the one who subject it in hope. Therefore, we have no reason to detest our lives. It carries the beauty and glory of God. That glory is Christ. Christ who is in you, is the glory of God whereupon your hope is built.

Let your hope be built on nothing else but Jesus blood and his righteousness. Don't trust the sweetest frame but lean totally on Jesus name. Stand on Christ the solid rock and count all other ground a sinking sand. I witness to your heart, because you have Christ, you have a hope that is beyond this present world. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you Father. I am glad that I belong to Jesus. I am grateful that my life doesn't amount only on the things in this world. Thank you Lord because the fragrance of my existence is on the living God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, my King bought me with his precious blood. This is my reality, a child of God, who believed, still believes and will continue to believe in the truth of the gospel. Amen

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THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE GOSPEL V

TEXT: ROMANS 8:22

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. KJV

There is a connection between our redemption and the deliverance of this world. The corruption that had spread on the world which makes all things to decay and die out is actually not in God's plan from the beginning. However, with our deliverance to life comes the hope of all creation, that there will be a time of time and a season, when all things will be reconciled to its original state. Heaven will be on earth and eternal life will reign on earth. Hallelujah.

Thus Romans 8:23 says, it's not only the creation that groan and hope for this beauty and glory even we ourselves, who have the first fruits of God's spirit. Let's read; And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. KJV

The Spirit of God in our lives is a fortaste of God's glory in us. There is going to be the fullness of the taste. Thus, we are only waiting for the adoption, which is the redemption of our body. Our body haven't been redeemed yet. It is still dust, subject to physical death and pain. Yet, our Spirit is made alive, delivered from the bondage of sin, death and corruption. This is the newness of our lives in Christ Jesus.

However, this isn't all that the message of the gospel brought to us. It tells us that whosoever believes in Christ will not perish but will have everlasting life. Our present body can perish even though in our Spirit we have eternal life that isn't subject to death. Our body needs to come to that reality of eternal living. Thus, we eagerly wait and hope for the redemption of our body.

2Corinthians 5:1-5 explain this truth, it says; for we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. KJV

God is the one who set the hope of a house not made with hands, eternal in the heaven in our hearts. This is not talking about physical house (it is referring to our body, thus the word terbanacle was used) There is an earthly house of this terbanacle (our present physical body) and there is a heavenly house not made by hands, a building of God (our future eternal body). The message of the gospel speaks volume of this living hope. We have faith by the gospel not in material possessions but eternal realities and blessings. A living hope it is!

PRAYER

Thank you Lord for you have wrought in me and uncountable others who are called into your grace and glory a hope of an heavenly house not made with hands. I live daily in the fullness of this hope, knowing that my life count much more than this present time and age. Amen

FRIDAY, 6TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL VI

TEXT: ROMANS 8:24

For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? KJV

Yes, we are saved by grace through faith which is the gift of God and no man can take this glory upon him or herself (Ephesians 2:8-9). Haven been saved by God's grace through the expression of our faith in Christ Jesus, we received the reality of a living hope. Thus, Romans 8:24 says, we are saved by hope. Which means that we are yet to become in reality all that God intend us to become presently in this world. He has saved us, transformed our lives and gave us his Spirit, yet there is more to who and what we are now than the eyes can see.

Romans 8:25 says; But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. KJV This means that because we are yet to live in the reality of all that the message of the gospel entails, we patiently wait for this reality. Thus, there is no need to faint, but to live full of joy and great expectation.

It should be that this hope keeps us secured under the Lordship of our Lord. Daily, as we interact with others and direct our conversation before men, this hope should be at the fore front of our expression. Even when we come across physical loss, pain, suffering, troubles, rejection, and great distress, this hope is the reason why we will rise again and keep our gaze on him who has saved us.

What is a Christian life without a living hope? Apostle Paul speaks emphatically, he said, if in this world only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable (1Corinthians 15:19). The preaching of the gospel came with a resounding message of hope not vanity. By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, we have the hope of a life full of glory, which presently by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we have a foretaste of what it means to be saved.

The beauty of being able to commune with the unseen God. The blessedness of being able to receive miracles, wonders, and great manifestation of the Spirit. The presence of a joy that isn't subject to possession. We can vividly tell that within us, there is the power and the glory of God because we are saved by his grace through faith. Yet, this isn't all that is accounted to us in Christ. There is to come before us, a life that has no end in itself. Christ is that life that ends not. The hope of our glory, which is God's. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you Father. For the Spirit bear witness with my spirit that I am a child of God. This is the best of my life. One of a kind that cannot be defeated. My body can decay, I can feel pain, affliction and trouble in my body, yet my Spirit is renewed day by day. I live by a living hope and my life does not end here on earth. Amen

SATURDAY, 7TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL VII

TEXT: ROMANS 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. KJV

The Spirit of God envelopes the entire reality of the gospel. Though, we are saved by hope yet God made a down payment that we belong to him and all that the message of the gospel of Christ entails will come to pass now and entirely later. The Spirit of God in the believer is the hallmark of eternity. We are certain that we belong to him because he gave us of his Spirit.

1John 4:13-15 says; **Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.** And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. KJV

God gave us of his Spirit and because we have confess Jesus as the son of God and believed in him, God dwells in us and we in him. Thus, the Spirit is the presence of God's glory as seen in the face of Jesus Christ. All of God is expressed by the Spirit of God. This is what makes you a new creation in Christ Jesus. God's Spirit indwelling you.

However, God didn't give his Spirit to only express that he is in us, he gave his Spirit to supply the greatest need of man_ **HELP**. Man is created to need the help of God. And in the new creation, man was totally helped by God to stand firm in him and be sustained by him. Much more, the Spirit of God bears the infirmities (weaknesses, frailty) of the believer. To the extent of directing our hearts on worship, praise and prayer before God.

Indeed, God testified that the Spirit makes intercession for the saints in accordance to the will of God. This doesn't mean that the Holy Spirit do your prayers for you. Not at all. It simply says that by the help of the Holy Spirit, you are able to gain strength, capacity and the ability to pray rightly and with the right words. The Spirit of God sustains you in the presence of God. How great is his steadfast help in you! Hallelujah!

Thus, the hope of the gospel is the message of the blessing of God's spirit. In that you are not who you used to be. You are changed and transformed being possessed by the Holy Spirit, with the ability to remain under his influence by walking in the Spirit daily. There is nowhere which a man receives the hope of a consistent help but in Christ Jesus. You are not helpless, the spirit of God is your helper. Face life with this hope.

PRAYER

Thank you Father. I am helped by the Spirit of God. I have a sustained strength and grace is supplied to me daily. I am not alone for the Spirit of God inside me is all of God. I have hope in the help of God that energize and strengthens me to pray and fellowship with the Father. Amen

SUNDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL VIII

TEXT: ROMANS 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. KJV

A strong comfort that we have in Christ Jesus is that he worked for our salvation on the cross, he perfected our deliverance by his resurrection and he is yet working in us by his Spirit. He never left us for a seconds. His words of promise is that he is with us always, even till the end of time. How can we forget such great words of encouragement and comfort? We shouldn't trade it for the ups and downs in this world.

With full assurance, we should boldly declare that all things work together for our good. The prince of this world thought that Jesus' death will be a lost game, alas, it turn out to be God's wisdom, which was for our good. He rose from the dead on the third day, which was also for our good, as he became the Lord of the living and the dead. In his resurrection is life eternal assured, this is our eternal good.

He ascended on high, sitted at the right hand of the Father, always making intercession for us, which also is for our good. With great assurance we approach the throne of grace, where there is mercy and grace to help in time of need. What a great good this is to us! Truly, all things worked together for our good. And it hasn't change, all thing will not cease to work together for our good because we are the called according to his purpose.

Isn't this a lively hope? That God has done so much for you in Christ Jesus and he will yet do much. Just keep your gaze on him who loved you and gave himself for you. The hope of the gospel is the truth that the believer has God as his steadfast help. The one who can turn situations around even the bad and the ugly for the best.

What about if he didn't turn it around? If he refused to take away the pain? If he decides not to take away the challenges? You must learn to trust in God's love for your life. He loved you before you love him and if he decides to come right in the midst of the storm then it means that the storm is working for your good. Don't ask for challenges to pass away, rather ask for you to go through it, while your father make it work for your good. We have this hope, that though the righteous fall seven times, he will rise again. And the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, for he delight in his ways (Psalms 37:23-24) Keep your hope alive, the gospel came with strength to face battles.

PRAYER

Thank you Jesus. I am not alone in the fight of life. You have teach my fingers to fight and my hands to war. You will cause my hands to be upon the neck of my enemies, and they will flee before me. Lord, help me to understand, without doubt, that indeed all things work together for my good in Jesus' name. Amen

MONDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL IX

TEXT: ROMANS 8:29

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. KJV

The juicy part of our lives as believers is that we are sons of God. Nothing in heaven and earth can neutralize this truth. You and I are known of God and he called us his own in his begotten Son, Jesus Christ or for better emphasis, in Christ, who was raised from the dead.

We can look at this reality which corroborates the firm hope we have received in the gospel of Christ from two perspective, First Ephesians 2:4-6 explain that God made us his son by his great love in accordance to the supernatural miracle of the resurrection of Christ from the dead, let's read:

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: KJV

This means that with the title of the son of God comes the declaration of one who have been raised from dead and is sitted with Christ in heavenly places. This isn't a natural thing, thus, the natural mind cannot fathom it. It's purely spiritual. Therefore, Romans 8:16 says; The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: KJV

This is first our spiritual reality. And yet a hope of an eternal identity. What do I mean? Let's read 1John 3:1-3, it says; Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. KJV

Now, we are the sons of God. Yet, all that we will look like and we are is yet to fully find expression. We look forward to seeing the one in whom we were raised from the dead, and when we see him, we shall be like him. Thus, we have a living hope and by this hope, we live a pure life. A life uncontaminated from the falsehood of the world, that thinks that everything ends at this time. No, it doesn't, it have not yet appeared what we shall be. Not until we look outwardly as he is, the best of our identity is yet to surface.

Therefore, he who conformed us to the image of his Son Jesus Christ, knew us and gave us this life, filled with hope and great expectation. You are called with a defined life, face life with hope.

PRAYER

Thank you Father for this great calling in Christ Jesus. The conformity of my life in Christ. The transformation into new creation, whose life transcend earthly living. This is heaven on earth and I am glad that heaven is now my identity and in the future my life to be lived. Amen

TUESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL X

TEXT: ROMANS 8:30

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. KJV

There is a predestination, upon which all men are called to salvation in Christ Jesus. 1Timothy 2:4-6 described God's predestination, saying; who (God) will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. KJV

His desire is to have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth that he has predestined, called, justified and glorify his Son first, that others may follow the same process and become like him, spiritually and afterwards physically. Jesus needed to come in the flesh because all men are already in the flesh. Hebrews 2:10-11 & 14 explain that God decided to have Jesus come in the flesh because of you and I. That in resurrection, he can become our elder brother and we can walk in the light of the deliverance he came to perfect for us in his death. Let's read;

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, KJV

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; Hebrews 2:14 KJV

Thus, the predestination is a fulfilled destiny in Christ death and resurrection. Yet, we have the hope of an unending rule and reign with him, we, who have been glorified through his death. Christ was raised and became the first fruit of them that was raised from death and his alive forever more. Thus, we are raised in him as the fruits that follows after him, that we might presently live by the power of the resurrected life and afterwards live forever like unto him.

God in Christ has called us to a lively hope not vanity. Let this present heaven and earth quake and quiver, there is an eternal life that we are made partaker of by the presence of the Spirit of God in us. We have a foretaste of God's glory, yet we will enjoy the fullness when mortality is swallowed up in victory. Our light affliction works for us a far more exceeding weight of glory. We cannot give up because we have a solid life and hope. We don't commit suicide, because he who gave us hope is alive in us, with us and for us. We live unto him forever.

PRAYER

Thank you Lord. I pray with absolute trust in you this morning, declaring that the challenges of this world though strong, yet, is not stronger than the reality of my identity in Christ Jesus. My life is given to me as a gift of God, therefore I cannot commit suicide for any reason. I do not lose hope regardless of the challenges and opposition. God is my life and existence, I live for him in Jesus' name. Amen

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER 202

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL XI

TEXT: ROMANS 8:31

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? KJV

God is for us! God is for you and I, he is our greatest ally. His existence is for the good of everyone who is named after the name of Christ. God, who made the heaven, the earth, the seas and all that is therein, who dwells in light and before whom is nothing hidden, who have darkness as light before him and before whom all tongues swear and all knee bows, is entirely for you and I. What a destiny! Isn't this the greatest jack pot ever?

But we take this reality as nothing. Why is this so? Because the world has dangled it's frailty before our eyes and we are too concerned about what we see than the beauty of what our spiritual eyes alone can behold. I tell you, your riches and beauty as a child of God is wholly the spiritual realities and blessings.

1Corinthians 2:9-10 says that God's gift towards us is veiled from the eyes: let's read; But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, The things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. KJV

Though, his blessings are veiled from the physical eyes, yet he made them accessible to us by his Spirit. For the things of God are made bare and plain in his Spirit and by his Spirit. This makes the Spirit of God the best of God to us in Christ Jesus. Let's read further;

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Vs 11-12 KJV

We can only know more of ourselves in Christ Jesus by the revelation of the Spirit of God. This is when we will be able to truly lay hold upon the reality that God is for us and no one can be against us. Absolutely nothing can conquer us. If we have experienced defeat in one aspect of our lives before or the other, it is because we didn't leverage on who we are from within us. It's time to rise as one, whose greatest ally is God in heaven.

Can you do something different this month? Whatever it is you are presently dealing with, place it before God and ask him to step in. Pray earnestly about that issue or situation and trust that God has got you covered. Watch and see how God who is for you will come through in unexpected means. However, if it didn't turn out the way you envisage, don't dwindle in your trust, ask him to reveal to you, what he is doing in that situation and what he wants you to learn. God is surely doing things that we are yet to truly grasp the totality. He is your Father, keep his hope alive in your heart.

PRAYER

Lord, I lift my burdens to you, who has been for me and will ever be for me, for you are with me in Jesus' name. Amen

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL XII

TEXT: ROMANS 8:32

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? KJV

Salvation is the best of God to the world. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Jesus is God's gift to the world. He came in accordance to God's own will that the world might be free from condemnation to sin and receive life eternal. Romans 5:6-8 says;

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. KJV

Seldomly, we forget that we were previously, ungodly, wretched sinners who have no hope and are without God in this world. We soon forget how we started with the Lord and how he stretched forth his hands of love, grace and mercy towards us in salvation. God sent us an everlasting help in Christ Jesus, when we least deserve it and yet this is the best of God. He boast in the strength of his love to be able to save all who does not deserve his grace. This is the beauty of the gift of salvation to the world that the Lord Jesus came to save sinners.

Apostle Paul explained the beauty of salvation in Titus 3:3-7 in the most exhilarating manner, saying; For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Titus 3:3-5 KJV

which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:6-7 KJV

What great goodness we have in Christ Jesus. God shed on us abundantly his power to save and deliver and made us heirs of himself according to the hope of eternal life. Thus, all his promise which has been fulfilled in Christ are in the light of eternal life. We have it now and yet what the future holds for us. We are saved by a living hope.

PRAYER

Father, I do not behave like an ingrate, one who soon forget from where you brought him. I am thankful of your abundant grace and mercy. I am grateful for the supernatural life you gave me in Christ Jesus, which was made possible by the washing of regeneration, by the Holy Ghost. My life took a new shape because you refused to spare your son but freely gave him unto me. Thank you Father for your great mercies. Amen

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL XIII

TEXT: ROMANS 8:33

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. KJV

God justifies the ungodly. He placed his seal of acceptance and favour on that man who should perish eternally. In Christ, he inscribed an eternal hope towards that man who will believe that God is capable of saving him from sin and destruction without his effort but on God's grace. There is the blessedness of God in salvation which renders the efforts, righteousness and ability of man irrelevant and useless before his grace.

Our faith in the Lord was explained through the light of Father Abraham's justification by faith which God imputed unto him for righteousness. Romans 4:17-18 accounted for God's promise to Abraham by which he trusted and exercised a hope that elapse hope. That is, there was absolutely nothing reasonable to hope for or believed that what God has promised, he will still bring it to pass. Yet, Abraham, remained in hope. He continued to trust in the Lord who cannot lie. God counted it to him as righteousness because physically, there was nothing sensible to trust. However, he remained steadfast in trust before God who said he made him the father of many nations. Please read;

(as it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. Romans 4:17-18 KJV

Abraham kept his hope alive and he was justified by his faith in God. He received the blessedness of the man who can trust in God's words beyond what can be seen but only on what has been said. Romans 4:24-25 says that this kind of righteousness will be imputed unto us as we believe in God who raised Jesus from the dead. The one who was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification.

Have you believed in Jesus? As for me, I have and I am not ready to wane in my faith in him, not now not ever. Therefore, God is my justifier. Nothing is laid in my charge, it is God who gave his begotten son for my life and will yet keep his word till the end of time. Is your hope in him still steadfast and sure?

PRAYER

Father, thank you for in you the ungodly and sinner is justified. I am one, who have expressed my faith in your only begotten son Jesus Christ and forever, I ask that my faith is kept strong, vibrant, unbending and unyielding to the contamination of this world. For it is God who justified me, no one can lay anything to my charge. God had borne the burden, I go on with the seal of victory in Christ Jesus. Amen



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SATURDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL XIV

TEXT: ROMANS 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. KJV

For all who had placed their faith in Christ Jesus, are free from condemnation forever. John 3:17&18 establish this truth saying;

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. KJV

Also, as touching the assurance of eternal life as a present reality and life of the believer which establishes that he or she can never come to condemnation, 1John 5:11&12 says; And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. KJV

As long as you have the Son of God (saved), you have eternal life. It is first a present day reality as you live on earth and continue to walk as a new creation in Christ Jesus. And you must recognise this as a present truth which separates you from an unbeliever and the world at large. You have eternal life in you because you are saved. The essence of your salvation is that you can never come to condemnation, because God has justified you in Christ Jesus, with the seal of eternal life.

Jesus describes this in John 10:27-29 saying; My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. KJV

No one can pluck you out of the Father's hand because the life of God resides in your Spirit. That life can not be condemned. It's pure, holy, undefiled. It is because you have eternal life now that you can hope for an unending life with the Lord as a future and eternal truth. So, eternal life is both possessive reality and a future reality. One set the pace for the other. If you don't have life now, you can't hope for life with God forever. I am glad because Jesus ever liveth, his intercession is to ensure that I remain grounded in the hope of the life in him and that which is to come. Are you persuaded?

PRAYER

Thank you Father. I have a living faith that goes beyond my present reality. The essence of my life is not in the clothes and shoes that I put on. For the life of a man does not consist in the abundance of things he has but in the living God, who holds my breath in life. I am saved eternally, I have hope of eternal life because God who cannot lie gave the promise. I testify that his words are true because I can never come to condemnation, never perish for God's life is in me. Amen

SUNDAY, 15TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL XV

TEXT: ROMANS 8:35

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? NLT

The love of God is the message of the gospel. Ephesians 2:4 says: But God, who is rich in mercy, **for his great love wherewith he loved us**, KJV. God loves us which is the reason why he saved us in his Son Jesus Christ. Salvation is the fulfilment of God's love for all men. Romans 5:8 says: But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. KJV

The best and only way God expressed his love towards us is in Christ death and resurrection. Titus 3:4-5 describe the gospel as the kindness and love of God. Let's read; But after that the **kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared**, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; KJV

Also, 1John 4:9&10 affirm that God's love is fully expressed in Christ Jesus, let's read; In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitation for our sins. KJV

Therefore, the hope of the gospel is the certainty of God's love. Which is not subject to times and seasons. His love remains unchanged forever. We can safely trust in God's love for us in Christ Jesus. Regardless of our present experience, either good or bad, wellness or sickness, trouble or calmness, joy or sadness, hungry or having great provisions; God's love abound all through our human living and days on earth.

God has asked us to trust in his love for us and hold unto it till the end of time. Thus, whatever we experience, we should trust in God's love which means that we are expected to express full confidence and assurance in our salvation, knowing that in it is God's love expressed.

You are not hopeless, not forsaken as your experience depicts. You are loved by God, the saviour of your life in Christ Jesus. You have a living hope, it is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you Father of love and the God of all grace. I asked that you equip me with strength and ability to continue to trust and abide in your love at different times and in different seasons of my life. Help me to keep my hope in your love in Jesus' name. Amen



Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. KJV

The storm will rage, the rain will fall, darkness will fall and the days will be gloomy, yet our anchor holds within the veil. His love is steadfast and his faithfulness is ever new every morning, for it is great. In all that we will come across on earth, as pilgrims, we have a solid victory in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the power of our God. We are not just conquerors but more than conqueror. This hope we have in Christ Jesus, who won the race that we might run with hope. Who finished the course that we might finish with great assurance of victory.

Therefore, we are persuaded. Just as it is written in Romans 8:38&39, it says; For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. KJV

Regardless of what we face, we are persuaded that it doesn't mean that we are hopeless or God has left us without his presence. Rather, we rejoice in his goodness. 1Peter 1:8 says that though we haven't received and experience the entirety of the life eternal which we have as a foretaste of God's ever abiding presence in our life and haven't seen Jesus physically, yet, our joy knows no bound. Let's read;

whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: KJV

There is a joy that wells up in the heart of the believer, it comes from the assurance and confidence that we belong to God and nothing can snatch us from his hands. Hallelujah! This confident hope we have and it doesn't fade away. No it doesn't, just as the love of God fades not, our hope in the Lord, when anchored on the knowledge of his words, doesn't fade rather, it becomes deepen and able to sustain us till the very end. The result is faith filled with love and ability to remain steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Knowing that our labour in the Lord is not in vain. Hallelujah.

PRAYER

Thank you Father. My heart is rest assured in your unfailing love. I asked that you strengthen me with might by the Spirit in the inner man, that Christ should dwell in my heart by faith and I should become rooted and grounded in the love of God in Christ Jesus Amen.

TUESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: JESUS, OUR HOPE

TEXT: 1TIMOTHY 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope; KJV

In Apostle Paul's words of address to his son in the Faith, Timothy; he testified that God is the savior of men and Jesus Christ, is the hope of all men, especially, of those who are saved. What an explicit writing which came from a clear understanding of the message of the gospel, in which, he was committed to preach and to teach all men.

In Romans 1:16, Apostle Paul declared that he isn't ashamed of the gospel of Christ: his words goes thus;; For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. KJV

In a more affirmative and possessive manner he also declared in 1 Corinthians 1:17 to the brethren at Corinth, he said; For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. KJV

Thus, Apostle Paul recognised that the gospel is about a person, who is alive and not dead. It is about God, who gave his everything in the body of flesh as reconciliation for the world. 2Corinthians 5:19 says; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. KJV

God, was the one in Christ Jesus. He did the work of reconciliation, in reconciling the world to himself, taking away all trespasses and commit to all who have been reconciled to him, the word of reconciliation. It is this word of reconciliation that encapsulates the message of hope in the gospel.

Thus, Jesus is preached as the hope of life. In his earthly ministry, he spoke affirmatively to the people saying; I am the bread of life. Except you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you do not have life in you. And he who eat my life and drink my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:53&54)

Their eyes were holden and their hearts were dull of understanding, thus his words were but an offense unto them. But glory to God, blessed are your eyes for see and your hearts for they perceive the will of God in Christ Jesus. You are saved because you have eaten his flesh and drank his blood. You partook of the bread of life by your absolute trust in him who died for you and rose again. Thus, you have eternal life and at the last day, Jesus, your savior will give unto you a body like his own. This is being raised from the dead. The right to share in eternity. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Now, I am a child of God. I have eternal life and cannot perish and no man can pluck me out of the father's hand. Jesus is my hope and this hope cannot make me ashamed, for the love of God has been shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is my life and I live by his strength every day. This is my reality. Amen

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: CHRIST IN YOU

TEXT: COLOSSIANS 1:27

to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: KJV

Jesus, who is the living hope is right inside of you. He who is saved have fed on him as the living bread and thus have his life. In an explicit expression, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to you, Christ Jesus become alive in you. You just know that you know without any confusion that your life is different from what it used to be. There is something that is resident in and with your spirit that is beyond what words can express.

The word of God in Romans 8:14-16 become a reality in your life. It says; For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: KJV

There is a witness that affirms with your spirit that you are now a child of God and nothing can change it. That conviction is just there in you and it gives joy that knows no bound. I agree that whenever you fall into sin or do something out of God's will, you are tend to feel that God has left you or rather, the Holy Spirit has disappeared. No, not at all. That feeling is to affirm that you are still in relationship with God. His Spirit is holy, thus, it is reprimanding you for that unholy or ungodly deed that you have done.

If at any time you did what isn't right and you don't have that sharp feeling of discipline any longer then something is wrong. This is when you should be scared of your relationship with God and seek for help in prayers and fasting. But, if the feeling is still sharp, it's a call to repentance. Get back on your knees, confess whatsoever you have done and repent of them. Make a commitment never to go back to your vomit and be deliberate to ask God for wisdom, strength and grace to continue in his word and love. Living in God's righteousness requires his grace daily.

Thus, we are admonished to come boldly to the throne of grace as it is written in Hebrews 4:16,; it says; Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. KJV

We are always in need of God's help. There is no day, we won't need God's grace and mercy. Truthfully, we feed on his grace and mercy every minute of our lives. Thus, this admonition is to establish that our lives is totally dependent on him, who saved us by his grace. Christ is in you, the hope of glory that can never fades away. Stay alive in this hope!

PRAYER

Thank you Jesus, my hope. I am alive in you, who is my life. You are in me and I am in you. This is the best of my life and the beauty of my living. Daily, I boast in you, who lives in me. Amen

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING

TEXT: EPHESIANS 1:18

the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, KJV

Apostle Paul, haven established the blessings in salvation and the new life empowered by the Holy Spirit, who is the earnest of the believer's inheritance in Christ to the Saints in Ephesus, he set his prayer before God for them. Let's go through each verse of his petition to God for his people;

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; Ephesians 1:15-16 KJV that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: Ephesians 1:17 KJV

the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, Ephesians 1:18 KJV

and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Ephesians 1:19-20 KJV

far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all. Ephesians 1:21-23 KJV

These petitions are the very element required for stability and sustenance on the Christian Journey. Apostle Paul asked the Lord to equip the believers in Ephesus, which can be likened to you and I, who are saved with wisdom, knowledge and understanding to know the hope that is embedded in our calling as righteous ones in Christ. And for us to know the beauty of God's glory in us, which is his inheritance in the saints. We are the saints, thus, this line of prayer is to have us come to the unique understanding of the essence of our lives in Christ, who is in God.

Our lives transcend this world, and our glory and riches are immaterial and are those who is entirely God's inheritance as we also received of him as our inheritance. We are joint-heir of God with Christ. If it was necessary for Apostle Paul to pray for understanding and enlightenment to get a grasp on the hope of God's calling of us in the gospel of his Son, Jesus Christ. Then, more than a head knowledge, there is a revelation that must be expressed in our spirit, which will enable us to appreciate and adore God the Father for the intangible yet vivid life we have in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER

Father, open the eyes of my understanding to behold the essence of my life in you. Let me not walk on with a head knowledge as regards eternal life. Cause my spirit to know this truth beyond words. Fill me with hope beyond measure in Jesus' name. Amen

FRIDAY, 20TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE PROMISE OF LIFE

TEXT: 2TIMOTHY 2:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, KJV

In Christ Jesus, we have receive life in abundance. Just as we have studied since the beginning of this month, it is presently a reality in our spirit by the Holy Spirit. We have eternal life now. We have it and that is why we are new creation. However, it is also a future reality which establishes the blessedness of our reign with him, who saved us with an everlasting love. We will see him and be like him. But right now, as He is, so are we in this world. Hallelujah!

A believer must not live in denial of one of this reality against the other. You must trust in the truth of John 3:16 and 1John 5:9-13. He who hath received the son of God, Jesus Christ into his heart by faith or rather, he in whom the Lord by the power of regeneration has convict his heart to believe in his son's death and resurrection, has received life, eternal life and can never die but will be raised incorruptible at the last day. Hallelujah. Thus, the two are infused into one promise of life. And this promise we have come to receive in Christ Jesus, our hope, the anchor of our soul.

In greater light, Apostle Paul affirmed saying in the same 2Timothy 1:8 in few verses downward that a man will only be capable of enduring the afflictions and trials that comes with the gospel of Christ because of this promise of life. Such won't count his or her present life in this world too precious than how the Lord defined it. It is a life lived by the faith of the son of God, a crucified life. A life that is constantly empowered by the reality of the cross. (Galatians 2:20)

He went further to say in 2Timothy 1:9-10, that God's calling of us with hope is an holy calling. Let's read; who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: KJV

In Christ, life and immortality has been brought to light by the gospel. This is our hope. Now we have life, in the future that is not too far, we will have immortality. However, we thrive now on the wings that this two is our present day reality. It is infused in eternal life. What a life we are living in Christ. The best kind of life, the best of two worlds. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. I do not count my life dare unto myself. I am not careful to approach situations with the lenses of faith. Help me to see as you see and behold the deeds of righteousness in Christ as you have made me to be. I face life with a convincted confidence that I have a living hope that cannot be taken away from me. I am bold towards life oppositions in Jesus' name. Amen

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SATURDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: GOD THAT CANNOT LIE

TEXT: TITUS 1:2

in hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; KJV

God, that cannot lie and will not lie, made the promise of eternal life towards men before the world began. How did He bring to pass this promise? Let's read;

but hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour; Titus 1:3 KJV

He brought his promise of the hope of eternal life through the preaching of the gospel. This further established that the message of the gospel being preached is the message of hope. It's the word of God's hope to men which he has put forward before the world began. He only bring it to manifestation in his Son, Jesus Christ, who is the essence of the message. Thus, the gospel of Christ is the message of hope by which men are saved by faith through grace.

Since we trust that God cannot lie, I presume that there is no need to disbelief his words of hope. There is no need to think that whatever we do ends here on earth. A believer will only be deceiving him or herself if he or she thinks that whatever he does is in vain. It's not brother, it's not sister. There is an account to be given before Christ, your lord and saviour.

2Corinthians 5:1-10 explained our physical body as a terbanacle. And also the desire that mortality be swallowed up in victory. However, whether we are in this earthly body or expect our heavenly terbanacle, we live unto the lord. It says that this desire and expectation that we have was wrought in us by God, who gave us the promise of immortality and life. Thus, verse 9-10 says;

Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 KJV

Thus, everyone of us as believers will appear before the judgement seat of Christ to receive the reward of the things we had done in our earthly body, whether it is good or bad. Thus, there is no vanity in God. In him is life everlasting. And we will be wise Christians to direct our lives in the light of his will daily, knowing that our Lord and saviour's voice is to say well done child. I am proud of you. There is no condemnation in him but you will receive as you have done. Therefore, do all things in his Excellency.

PRAYER

That thou will help me Lord that I might fulfil that which you have committed to my hands on time and in time. That I will not slack my hands to work the work of him who has bought me with a price, even the precious blood of Jesus, the lamb, that is without blemish or spot. Amen

SUNDAY, 22ND OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: A BLESSED HOPE

TEXT: TITUS 2:13

looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; KJV

We have a foresight. It is to look after the blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ. And since we have this hope or expectation, we purify ourselves even as he is pure. Hallelujah.

This isn't all, Apostle Paul went further, he said; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus 2:14 KJV

Jesus gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself alone, a people zealous of good works. Truly, we have been redeemed from all iniquity. Ephesians 1:7 says; In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; KJV

And he truly has also purify us. 2Corinthians 5:21 says; For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. KJV. We are the righteousness of God in Christ. We are people purified, separated unto God as holy and blameless. We stand in and before him with no sense of rejection.

Also, we are his peculiar people, 1Peter 2:9 says; But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: KJV. We are the sheep of his pasture.

And lastly, we are to be zealous of his good works. Ephesians 2:10 says; For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. KJV. In Romans 12: 10-11 we are admonished further; Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; KJV.

There is need to live with unquenchable zeal for the Lord, as we love others, appreciate and honour ourselves as believers in Christ Jesus and also serve the Lord. Why do we have to do all these? It is because there is a blessed hope. This hope is anchored on a life style of love and service. We can't live in denial of our real life in Christ Jesus. Get on to work!

PRAYER

Thank you Lord for a blessed hope. I give myself totally to serve you through men. I serve in my local church, fellowships, cell groups, school outreaches and in every place where men are gathered in your name. My career and natural ambition isn't an exception. I serve men and live in honour to the name of Christ. Amen

MONDAY, 23RD OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: PATIENCE IS ANCHORED ON HOPE

TEXT: 1THESSALONIANS 1:3

remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; KJV

The Christians in Thessalonica received the gospel of Christ at a time when there was great affliction and persecution on all who believed in Jesus. Apostle Paul testified that even in this great tribulation and intense persecution, they embraced the love of God and became an examples to other believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

Thus, he referred to their disposition towards the message of the gospel as the work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope. Which means that the intensity of the afflictions they faced because they were willing to receive the mercy and grace of God has preached by them who brought the gospel to their hears, was not able to hinder them from the love of God.

Rather, in their affliction, they embrace the word of faith and were willing to continue to live as Christians. Specifically, verse 6 says; and ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: KJV.

It is always impossible to give a sensible explanation to the experience a man has when he gets saved. The joy, the peace, the overwhelming comfort and the deep conviction that God is nearer than before supersede every other physical reality. Truly, salvation is a miracle! One that physical experiences and sensations can not truly articulate except by the expression of the Holy Ghost.

The saints in Thessalonica endured the present affliction because the gospel of Christ came with a great hope of life to them. Thus, 1thessalonians 1:9-10 says; For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. KJV

They were formerly people who served idols. But by the mercies of God and power of his word, they received the gospel and lived with great expectation. They patiently endured the afflictions that came to them because of the hope that was ministered to them through the message of the gospel. The same hope we have today. We patiently wait for the son of God from heaven, the one who delivered us from the wrath to come. Our patience is anchored on this living hope.

Therefore, it is wise to pray and express the depth of our patience before God, in whom is our hope through which our patient living is built daily.

PRAYER

Thank you Father for in you I live and when I die, unto you is my life. Therefore, life and death is a winwin chapter for me. I ask that while I am living, you grant me the grace to patiently carry upon my heart the reality of the blessed hope in Christ. That I do not live as though my life is only dependent on physical results. Help me to be stable in and by your power in Jesus' name. Amen

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: YOUR STEADFASTNESS AS HOPE

TEXT: 1THESSALONIANS 2:19

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? KJV

Colossians 1: 21-23 established the beauty of our deliverance from being people who are enemies of God by wicked works, to the transformation of our minds. Just as it is written in Romans 5:1 that since we have been justified by our faith in Christ, we now have peace with God. This peace is not just referring to a physical feeling, it means we are now brought into spiritual union with God, who were formerly separated from him through spiritual death. Hallelujah!

The message in Colossians 1:21-23 communicate this same truth, with the exhortation that we must remain firmly rooted in our new life in Christ Jesus. Let's read;

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; KJV

There is need to continue in the faith, grounded and settle without shifting the gaze from the hope of the gospel. Thus, your stability and my firmness in the Lord is a blessed hope. Therefore, Apostle Paul affirmed while he spoke to the believers in Thessalonica, that they are their hope and crown of rejoicing. He was simply saying that the believers in Thessalonica are the evidence of their labour in the gospel and thus are the crown that will cause them to rejoice when Jesus appear while the people remain steadfast in their faith.

The message is the same for us as well. You and I are the crown of rejoicing and hope of our pastors, leaders, and many others who have contributed to our faith in the Lord. Therefore, you cannot afford to be unstable in your faith. Your life is a living hope and your steadfastness in the Lord is as a hope and rejoicing before the appearance of Christ. Therefore, remain steadfast.

PRAYER

Thank you Father. I ask that you equip me with grace to grow deeper in faith. As I fellowship with the word of God and prayer daily, furnish my knowledge and understanding in your will, create in me a consistent desire to walk in your will. Help me Lord to be a strong and stable child of God in Jesus' name.

Amen

MOPELOLA OYENIRAN

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: HOPE TAKES AWAY SORROW

TEXT: 1THESSALONIANS 4:13

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. KJV

The believer is at an everlasting advantage. More than you have come to understand the depth of God's goodness in your life, I want to inform you that there is so much hope in the faith of Christ which you profess. Apostle Paul addressed the Christians in Thessalonica as regards those that are dead, he said they should sorrow (mourn their dead) but not as though all hope is lost even though they are physically not in existence. He brought before them the reality that though a man dies yet, because he is born again, he lives forever.

Such was his revelation to the Christians in the church at Ephesus. As regards the riches in Christ Jesus, the Savior, Apostle Paul communicated that so many things have changed, especially the destiny and life of the man in Christ. Before, just as Christians in Ephesus, this was our reality:

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, *having no hope, and without God in the world:* Ephesians 2:11-12 KJV

But now, we have hope and we are with and in God. This is our established destiny. Let's read further; Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; Ephesians 2:19-20 KJV

There is a citizenship whose identity surpass this earth, it transcend into heaven. There is an household that is more than an earthly union, it is the household of God, which started with the Apostles, who have gone ahead. This household is called **The general assembly and the church of the First born written in heaven** (Hebrews 12:23). It's more than a physical family, it is spiritual and will exist forever. Thus, when a Christian put away this earthly terbanacle (dies) he is still alive because he belongs to a spiritual household in which Jesus is the chief corner stone of the building. Hallelujah!

Ephesians 2:21-22 corroborates this and established that we are God's habitation, built up by the Spirit of God. Thus, we mourn and sorrow but not without hope. With this living hope in us, sorrow is quickly turn to joy and singing with a remembrance that we are yet alive in the Lord. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you Father. For I am not without hope in this world and I have you as my God. In you I make my boast and live in confidence, knowing that I am in Christ and Christ in in me thus, I overcome the world, for the greater one is my advantage. Amen

THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE HOPE OF SALVATION

TEXT: 1THESSALONIANS 5:8

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. KJV

Ephesians 6:10-11 says to be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, putting on the whole armour of God to be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. The believer has an armour to put on which enables him to be strong in the Lord and in his power.

In a similar light, as regards the expectation we have received in the Lord, a very potent gadget in the armour is needful. The hope of salvation as an helmet. Salvation here does not refer to deliverance from sin, we are saved already. But it is referring to the expectation of the salvation to come as a future occurrence, when Christ will appear and mortality will be swallowed up in victory. This salvation is our expectation in the Lord.

Thus, we are to live as those who understand the times and season, knowing that the longsuffering of our God is to lead men to repentance, it doesn't mean that he is slack concerning his promises. Thus, we keep our hope alive, knowing that the day of the Lord comes. It might happen as a shock to the world, them who are in darkness but not to us.

The day will take them as a thief in the night but not to us. We know the promises of our God, and we live not in wantonness or unbelief. But we live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. Knowing that our King come and we are to reign with him, for as he is so are we in this world.

1Thessalonians 5:4-5 says; But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. This is to further establish that the day of the Lord cannot take us unawares. We are instructed to live soberly, putting on the breastplate of love and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. This hope is a source of comfort to us, not of fear or panic as many tends to explain the coming of the Lord as if it's the believer's doom.

Rather, it's the beginning of our eternal reign in this world. The beginning of the ever abiding word of the Lord **The earth is the Lord and the fullness thereof**.... Also, 1Thessalonians 5:9-10 affirm saying; For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep (alive or dead), we should live together with him. KJV

PRAYER

Thank you Father. I acknowledge you as God over all things, the world and they that dwell therein. This is my hope and I continue to live by the law of God's love daily thus, my Lord and King meets me in his grace and power. Amen

FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: GOOD HOPE

TEXT: 2THESSALONIANS 2:16

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, KJV

The promise of God in Christ Jesus are Yeah and Amen which means they are sure, true and fulfilled. I want you to read the text above calmly, I found the Amplified version more explicit. Please read, alongside verse 17;

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting comfort and encouragement and the good [well-founded] hope [of salvation] by His grace, comfort and encourage and strengthen your hearts [keeping them steadfast and on course] in every good work and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 AMP

Isn't the words expressed above a reassurance of God's love and comfort? The assurance that the hope he gave us in Christ is well rounded and good one, viable enough to keep our hearts settled in his grace and his salvation, first as a present reality and a future hope. With this come the truth that God, in Christ is the one who will encourage, comfort, settle and keep us steadfast till he come. What restful words, written in his everlasting word.

We have an everlasting comfort and encouragement in the Lord therefore, there is no need to fear. When we remember that our Lord is coming, it is to stir up our pure hearts that we have a living hope that cannot fade away. In this, we should rejoice and count he who gave us this promise faithful, as it is written; faithful is he who called us, who also will do it. (1Thessalonians 5:24).

All that the Lord require of us is to keep the profession of our faith intact till the end. He has commanded us to keep our heart safe in his love and to do the good works which he has called us unto. Let's spread the hope in the gospel, in the house and in the roof top. This is the time to speak loudly and with all boldness. I am of the opinion that the prayer of the Apostle in Acts 4:29-30 as touching boldness to make known the gospel before men is paramount for us.

Please pray; And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. KJV Amen

PRAYER

Thank you father for your good word of assurance, comfort and everlasting hope. We are grateful to know that you are committed to keeping us strong and steadfast till the end. However, Lord we ask that you give us the boldness to speak your hope before men as you stretch forth your hand to heal, save and deliver. We are bold to preach and teach the gospel in Jesus' name. Amen

SATURDAY, 28TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: THE LORD IS FAITHFUL

TEXT: 2THESSALONIANS 3:3

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. KJV

The faithfulness of God is everlasting. You might think you believe this truth but in reality and the expression of your thoughts, are you certain you believe that God is faithful and his faithfulness is everlasting? God is good and his mercies endures forever with this is the sound of his faithfulness to us especially, as his own children, his people and the first fruits of his creation.

I have found this truth that all that God commanded in his words are largely upheld by his faithfulness. If he isn't faithful, we can't bank on his words. The integrity of God's words shows that he is faithful. He is true and he cannot lie.

Let me share with you the wisdom of the Apostle Paul in his description of the identity of God, let's read;

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17 KJV

... who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of Lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen. 1 Timothy 6:15-16 KJV

He is the King, who is eternal; in his eternal nature have we come to receive eternity and the reality of eternal life in us now. He is immortal, thus we have received the hope of immortality that mortality be swallowed up in victory. He dwells in light, so have we come to the Lord Jesus, who is the light of the world, with the fulfilled promise that all who follow him will not walk in darkness but have the light of life.

In few minutes throw your thoughts into the remembrance of God's faithfulness and thank him for the gift of hope. Hope is truly a gift, a good gift in the Lord Jesus. Truly, Love, hope and faith abides, the greatest is love, however, hope is in the category of all of God's goodness. He himself is love, in love we have hope and faith. Thank him for his lively hope.

PRAYER

Thank you Father for you are faithful and your faithfulness is great. Regardless of our present circumstances and situation we choose to rest on the reality that you are always good, faithful till the end and cannot withold the hands of your grace towards us. Thank you Lord in Jesus' name. Amen

MOPELOLA OYENIRAN

SUNDAY, 29TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: HE DIRECTS YOUR HEART

TEXT: 2THESSALONIANS 3:5

And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. KJV

Apostle Paul is known for his spirit filled prayers for the believers in different churches. For example we have an account of such prayer in Ephesians 1:17-23 & 3:14-21 (for the church at Ephesus), also in Philippians 1: 9-11 (for the believers in Philip), Colossians 2:9-11 (for the church in Colosse), 2Thessalonians 3:3-5 (for the believers in Thessalonica), Romans 15:5-6 & 15. The list continue, however, these are a few examples of his consistent desire and petition before God to the believers in different city and country during his days.

It is not surprising that the element of his prayer to God for the church in Thessalonica as we have in our text above includes the heart of believers to remain directed towards the love of God and the need to patiently wait for Christ. It is true that the believer believed in the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus however, by experience Apostle Paul established that it is possible for believers to wane in their trust in God's love and begin to live as though the love of God has become scarce in their lives and walk with him.

Also, he affirmed that it is possible for believers to grow tired of being patient in waiting for Christ and become wanton and transformed by the world and its civilization. Thus, he asked the God who is the Savior of all men in Christ Jesus, to keep directing the hearts of the saved in his love and to equip with the necessary strength to trust and wait patiently for the Savior from heaven.

There are certain stage of your life, that you might have experienced either of this two things. Realising that your love for God is dwindling and also, you have grow weary of the things of God. Apostle Paul says the antidote to this feeling, which is fickle and a lie from the devil is to pray to God, asking that he should direct your heart to his love and the patient waiting for Christ. You must not remain in that atmosphere of an unchallant, unchallenged and uninspired attitude to the love of God in and for you and also to your expectation of the joy of salvation. By praying, you will get your hope fired up again and the Lord, who loved you with an eternal love will breathe on you afresh, such that there will be a fresh newness in your walk in and with him.

It's not time to give up but the time never to give up. God's love is for you and he is able to keep your heart stayed on him, while you are kept in his perfect peace. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Thank you Father. I am not facing life alone, your presence is my comfort and a prepared atmosphere for my existence. Lord, I ask that you help me to abide securely in your presence, never to get weary or tired of walking in the light of your will. Help me to keep my hope, desires and expectation solid in your name and power in Jesus' name. Amen

MONDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: HOLD FAST TO YOUR HOPE

TEXT: HEBREWS 3:6

but Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. KJV

As a result of the interaction that we have as men who are redeemed and possess the life of God here on earth; with the world which includes unsaved men, with different values and norms that negates the will and the desires of the God whom we trust and believe in, there is every possibility to become affected negatively.

However, there is provision for us in God's word. The word of God, written and put together in the Holy book, called the Bible, remain the anchor of our lives in the Lord. There is no other way out of hopelessness, depression, trial, persecution, lack, want, rejection and many other of such vices that occurs as an interaction between the forces of light and darkness; can be overcome only by the written word of God.

Thus, it is written, that they who know their God, shall be strong and do exploit (Daniel.). We as believers are referred to as the house of God. Together, as body of Christ, we are God's habitation, built up a spiritual house (Ephesians 2:22, 1Peter 2:5). We have become spiritually, God's habitable abode, through which spiritual worship through the dealings and dictates of our lives is offered to God continually. Thus, we have the responsibility to hold fast our confidence in the name of Jesus and the power of God till the end and also keep the rejoicing of our hope in him firm till the end.

Hebrews 3:12-14 point out certain things that must be avoided so that we can hold unto our savior and his words of promises till the end of time, let's read; Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an **evil heart of unbelief**, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; **lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.** For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; KJV

An evil heart of unbelief and hardness of heart through the deceitful of sin were mentioned as enemies of our strength in the Lord. We are believers yet we can sometimes act in unbelief towards God's words also, we can fall for the deceit of sin, when we give room for the lies of the enemy in our heart. Therefore, it is important that we hold unto our hope in the Lord by not walking in unbelief or being deceived by the works of sin and it's fancy results. Faithful is our God who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Trust him, he is with you.

PRAYER

Thank you Father. I ask that you keep me from all evil even as I interact with the forces in this world. You promised to be my shield and keep me far from the tongues of the enemy. I ask that you stir my heart to be quick in discerning when I am racing after unbelief and being deceived. Help me to be sensitive and live a sober life with all watchfulness in Jesus' name. Amen

TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER 2023

TOPIC: DILIGENCE IN HOPE

TEXT: HEBREWS 6:10

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. KJV

And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Hebrews 6:11-12 KJV

The texts above established that we have a God who doesn't forget all our work, labor and good deeds carried out in his name towards others, who are our brothers and sisters in faith. He rewards, however, it is required that we continue to labor in service to others in his name in a consistent and never giving up attitude. It is necessary and quite important if not mandatory that we should live each day as we allow ourselves to be used by others in the service of God, as though we are being paid for it.

And truly, we are. The only challenge is that we do not see this payment in our everyday currency. It's spiritual, eternal and intangible. It is of value such that it comes before God as a testament through which he reward us with a note of remembrance. How fulfilled it is to truly trust in God's word, that there is a reward for you and I as we serve the Lord Christ in the life of others.

As believers we must understand that working or serving God is serving others. He who claim to serve God must have be seen serving others, who are God's image, God's heritage, his people, who are largely found in our churches, fellowship, community of believers and in a larger spectrum humanity. However, we must note that the Church, which is the body of Christ supersedes humanity. God has called us to serve the household of faith and do good to all men. He command us to honour all men but love the brotherhood and practice hospitality especially towards them who are of the household of faith.(Romans 12:13)

When we do all these and live a life that practice these truth, it simply means that we are being diligent in the hope that we have in the Lord. It shows that we have identified ourselves and much so our lives as such that truly have meaning in the Lord Jesus Christ alone. We won't get tired or weary in serving the people of God neither are we going to be found wanting. It is true that God is always in search of men, but permit me to tell you that he has searched you out already, you just need to realise how much you mean to God and his people. Happy new month in advance. I call you blessed!

PRAYER

Thank you father. I ask that you strengthen me to remain diligent in hope. Help me to keep my trust and assurance alive in your name. Let me not become discourage in service to your name and before your people in Jesus' name. Amen

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