

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6



One Hope



What were you hoping for when you came here this morning?

My Hope Defined

A feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen

To want something to happen or be the case

One Hope would be the hope that feeds unity

One Hope would be the hope not that you came to, but were called to



Being Called



As we approach hope amongst the 7 ones it has a wrapper

This one starts with the phrase "just as you were called to"

And is followed by the phrase "When you were called"

This is exactly what it looks like, a nested calling



Calling of the Gospel



“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.”

John 6:44

As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.

Romans 3:10-11

God took the Initiative (*Romans 5:6-8*)

**From Jesus’ sacrifice a call went out
(*1 Corinthians 1:9*)**



Being Called



Think about the second call, "you were called to", as the terms and conditions to accepting the invitation

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people

Ephesians 1:18



Being Called



You do not get to accept the invitation any way you want to there is a calling

After accepting the invitation, you do not get to live any way you want to there is a calling

I know we like to preach an easy boy gospel but that is not what Jesus preached (*Matthew 16:24*)

One Hope which is the uniting promises of accepting the calls



The Foundation

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus *of Hope*

Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

When Jesus meets Nicodemus, he tells him he must be born again

Specifically, he say you must be born of water and spirit



v. 3



“Born Again” How?



***“How can someone be born when they are old?”
Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a
second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”***

Born of Water (Physical)

Spirit Spiritual

***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new
creation has come: The old has gone,
the new is here!***

2 Corinthians 5:17



Romans 13:12-14



The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.



All Thing Made New



He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Often, we see our hope as an upgrade or an add on

Revelation 21:5

In the clearest sense of the word, it is a reload

It is not a makeover it is our remodel

It is not a do over, it is a restart



Our Hope is Through Jesus



Jesus is not the reason for a season he is the reason for hope

Our hope is based on him being who he claimed to be (God in Flesh)

Our hope is built on his promise of life through him

Our hope is provided via his death burial and resurrection



Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



The Inheritance

And into an inheritance of Hope
that can never perish,

spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

This is an eternal hope

From it is produced an inheritance that never perishes, spoils or fades



v. 4-5



Titus 3:4-7



But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

For those that place their hope in Jesus their ultimate inheritance is eternity with him



The Challenge

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

v. 6-7



The Challenge



**Our hope is not merely to
one day wake up in heaven,
our hope is to live in a relationship with him in the here
and now**

to Hope

That is not easy because we do suffer grief and trial

**But even those are part of our hope for they serve two
purposes**

They reveal us

They refine us



The Reality of Hope



Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

v. 7-9



The Reality of Hope



Faith and Hope are intertwined around Jesus

Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

1 Peter 1:21

Neither is built on pure knowledge (*Hebrews 11:1*)

They require an element of Trust and consistency (*Hebrews 10:23*)

It comes down to Christ (*Hebrews 3:6*)



A landscape photograph featuring a cross on a hilltop. A path of stones leads up the hill towards the cross. The sky is filled with colorful rays of light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is inspirational and religious.

**To truly experience Hope
I must align my hopes with
God's one hope**