



Phil. 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,  
**and given him a name which is above every name:**

10 That at **the name of Jesus** every knee should bow,  
of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things*  
under the earth;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus  
Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psa. 9:10 **And they that know thy name will put their  
trust in thee:** for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them  
that seek thee.

This evening we continue studying the names of the Lord Jesus Christ found throughout the Word of God. We will see how the various names are descriptive terms describing various characteristics of the Lord Jesus.

Tonight, we focus upon the Lord Jesus Christ as “the hope of glory.” There are a multitude of verses in both the Old and New Testaments that encourage us in this description of the Lord Jesus Christ. Consider just a few verses from the book of Psalms:

Psa. 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, **all ye that hope in the LORD.**

Psa. 38:15 **For in thee, O LORD, do I hope:** thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

Psa. 39:7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? **my hope is in thee.**

Psa. 71:5 **For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD:** *thou art my trust from my youth.*

Psa. 146:5 **Happy is he** that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, **whose hope is in the LORD his God:**

- ❖ Living hope is anchored in the past—Jesus rose from the dead.
- ❖ It continues in the present—Jesus is alive.
- ❖ And it endures throughout the future—Jesus promises eternal, resurrection life.

❖ Growing in grace, believers learn that faith is a “lively hope.”

1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy **hath begotten us again unto a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

❖ We will look at the Book of Colossians to observe the ramifications of having

“Christ in you, the hope of glory”

# I. HOPE DEVELOPS LOYALTY TO CHRIST, 1:21-23

## A. A Defined Loyalty, 1:21-22

Col. 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproueable in his sight:

❖ A believer's loyalty is totally dependent upon the Lord Jesus Christ – a believer being a reconciled enemy with hope in eternity, radically changed due to the love, mercy and grace of Christ.

B. A Definite Loyalty, 1:23a “If ye continue in the faith...”

❖ The hypothetical “if” means “if so be that, yet” → if you are saved you will live like it and reap the benefits of fellowship with Christ, honoring Him now and at the Judgment Seat.

C. A Deepening Loyalty, 1:23b “If ye continue...grounded and settled...”



**Original Word:** θεμελιόω

**Transliteration:** themelioó

**Definition:** to lay the foundation of (“founded upon a rock”);

**Usage:** I found, lay the foundation (lit. and met.).

**(grounded)** <https://biblehub.com/greek/2311.htm>

**Original Word:** ἕδραῖος

**Transliteration:** hedraios

**Definition:** sitting, steadfast; **Usage:** sitting, seated; steadfast, firm.

*hedraíos* – properly, *sit* (solidly-based, well-seated); (figuratively) steadfast (firm), *morally fixed*; firm in purpose (mind); "well-stationed" (securely positioned), **not given to fluctuation or "moving off course."**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1476.htm>

❖ The hypothetical “if” also indicates a deepening loyalty that is “rock solid.”

D. A Determined Loyalty, 1:23c “If ye... and *be* not moved away...”

**Original Word:** μετακινέω

**Transliteration:** metakineó

**Definition:** to move away, remove; **Usage:** trans: I move away, dislodge, remove.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3334.htm>

Jas. 1:8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

E. A Dispensational Loyalty, 1:23d “...the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven...”

❖ The hope in Christ is the gospel which is the focus of New Testament missions today.

F. A Doctrinal Loyalty, 1:23e “...the gospel...whereof I Paul am made a minister;”

❖ Like Paul, our hope is built upon Christ and biblical doctrine that is true to the Word of God.

## II. HOPE DRIVES LIVING FOR CHRIST, 1:24-27

### A. Identified with His Cross, 1:24

Col. 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

- ❖ Paul's focus of missions was establishing local churches regardless of personal cost.

## B. Identified with His Church, 1:25-29

### 1. Its Ministry, 1:25

Col. 1:25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

- ❖ “The hope of glory” includes a fervent desire to follow the direction of God’s Word.

## 2. Its Mystery, 1:26

Col. 1:26 *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

- ❖ This “hope of glory” is something special, not fully known in the past as it is today.

## 3. Its Message, 1:27

Col. 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:**

- ❖ This “hope” is a revelation from God and called “the riches of the glory” which believers today should hold most precious and not take for granted.
- ❖ Believers possess Christ in the inner man, and He is our hope, not only for the present, but the hope for all of eternity.

#### 4. Its Mission, 1:28-29

##### a. Reaching Men for Christ, 1:28

Col. 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

❖ The mission is to present our “hope” to every man, both the lost and the saved.

b. Reaching Men through Christ, 1:29

Col. 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

❖ This “hope” works within the believer and motivates a desire to witness for Him and His glory.

Phil. 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.



## Summary

HOPE PROVIDES EMBRACING FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Consolation and comfort

HOPE PROVIDES ENLIGHTENMENT FOR EXPECTATION

Vision to Anticipate

HOPE PROVIDES ENERGY FOR ENGAGEMENT

Motivation to proceed

## Conclusion

Lam. 3:21 **This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. ...**

24 **The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. ...**

26 **It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.**