

# THERE IS HOPE...

# ...IN JESUS

We don't often hear of **hope** today.  
But in Jesus there is great **hope**.  
There is **hope** for a new beginning in life.  
There is **hope** for the future.

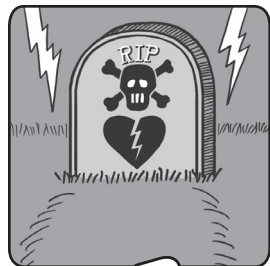
# Why?

## Why is there hope in Jesus?

Because Jesus Christ is the **gift of hope** from God.

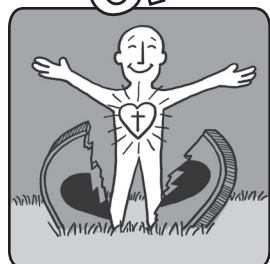
This **hope** is found through salvation in Jesus Christ. The Bible says, "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him" (John 3:17).

God sent Jesus to us to give us **hope**. He does not want to send us away, but God wants to welcome us through Jesus.



The Bible tells us, "For the wages of sin is death, but the **gift of God** is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23)

God sent Jesus as a **gift of hope**. Why did he need to do this?

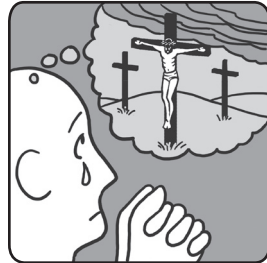


Because the Bible says, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). This sin in us made us lose all real hope.



The **gift of hope** comes to us although we don't and never will deserve it—because of sin in our lives. The Bible tells us that, "... all our good deeds are like a filthy rag" (Isaiah 64:6)

We may think we deserve to have a good break in life, when we really don't. But our helplessness in ourselves can be our **hope** in Jesus. If only we take the gift God is holding out to us.



The Bible tells us why we have this hope only in Jesus. "But God demonstrates His own love to us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Through Jesus we can have the **hope** of forgiven sins: the **hope** of a new start in life. Praise the Lord!

How can we get this **gift of hope** in Jesus?

The Bible tells us what we need, "repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21)

We repent first by confessing and then by turning from sin, The Bible says, "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9)



We place our faith in Christ by receiving Him by faith, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12)

Repenting and placing our faith in Christ occur when God renews us spiritually, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven" (John 3:3)



How can you have this **hope** in Jesus?

If you want this **hope** found only in Jesus, repent of your sin and place your faith in Him. The following prayer may, in fact, express the desire of your heart.

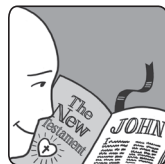


**"O GOD, I KNOW THAT I AM A SINNER AND DESERVE HELL. I KNOW THAT JESUS CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS AND ROSE AGAIN FOR ME. I ASK YOU TO FORGIVE ME OF MY SIN. I WANT YOU TO COME INTO MY HEART AND TAKE CONTROL OF MY LIFE. IN JESUS NAME, AMEN."**

If you've prayed this prayer of commitment to Jesus and really meant it, then you are a born again child of God. Congratulations, the gift of hope in Jesus Christ is yours!

Jesus tells us, "I will never turn away anyone who comes to Me" (John 6:37). He also says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life" (John 5:24)

As a believer in Jesus, get to know Him better.



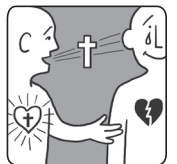
**Read**  
a little of the Bible every day—the Gospel of John is a good place to start.



**Pray**  
to Jesus as if He were standing right next to you.



**Be Baptized**  
and worship in a good church that believes and preaches the Bible so that you can grow



**Tell Others**  
about what you have done—they need hope in Jesus too.

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