

Get Ready for Jesus Part 3!

KJV Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

*13 Looking for that **blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

The Blessed Hope is The Great Expectation of every true believer, which is **The Rapture of The Church** at Christ's return.

There is absolutely nothing more important to lovers of Jesus than seeing and being with Him!

1 John 3:2 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.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

You see I know I am a child of God, if you're born again you should to!

But our struggle at times is remaining in this sin sick world wrestling with all its problems and the limitations of the physical body!

Time in this world changes your perspective, the older we get the more we often see the futility in many of the concerns we had in our youth!

A pastor while teaching on The Blessed Hope, asked the congregation, how many of them want to go to heaven.

The pastor noticed everyone raised their hand except a little boy in the balcony. So, the pastor asked again, same result, so the pastor curiously singled the boy out and asked him why he didn't raise his hand!

The little boy said, "pastor I do want to go to heaven, but I thought you were getting a load together right now!"

Well I'm not trying to go right now either, however this little boy, like so many is looking at all the wonderful things he plans to do in life.

All the hopes and dreams of accomplishing great things, changing the world making it a better place for everyone.

But with these hopes and dreams, believers must have a greater hope!

KJV 1 Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

The apostle Paul who was caught up into the third heaven and saw amazing unspeakable things about the next life tells us:

If we place **all** our hopes and dreams in what Christ can do for us in this life **only**, we are worse off than everyone!

I'm concerned the church today has become **short-sighted!**

That the church's focus has become mostly about what Jesus can do for people in this life, now here on earth!

Simply how God can bless me now, how God can do wonderful things for me now!

James 4:14 tells us life is a **vapor**, a mist, a puff of smoke that appears for a **very brief moment** and then vanishes, disappears and out of sight!

Don't get me wrong, again I as The Lord wants you **blessed!** I want you healed, delivered, set free, prosperous, educated and influential.

But all that and without "The Blessed Hope" you will be miserable!

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What **purifies our hopes and dreams** is having the **GREAT HOPE!**

The Great Expectation of seeing Jesus face to face, because when we see Him, we will become like Him.

The **Blessed Hope**, the expectation of seeing Jesus **purifies** our hearts!

The Blessed Hope the desire to be with Jesus being stronger than anything else put everything else in perspective!

It puts everything else in its proper place in our lives, purifying our hearts and lives!

I want to be with Jesus **more** than I want a better life, a new house, a worldwide ministry, my dream job or to be rich and famous!

1 Corinthians 1:7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Paul is warning the church at Corinth, they were the **most spiritually gifted** church of that time.

But they were also **the most carnal**, so Paul warns them not to get so caught up in doing the works of Christ that they forget to look for Christ's return.

Tit 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;

2 Thess 3:5 And the Lord direct (guide) your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting (endurance) for Christ.

There are **many Great and Precious Promises** from The LORD!

But the **greatest promise of all** is The Promise of **Eternal Life!**

The Greatest Promise is eternal life with Jesus Christ!

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It's all about **eternal life, getting ready to see Jesus when He comes back!**