

Living Hope



...Whoever loses their life for **my sake** will **find it**. [Mat 10:39 NIV]

[1Pe 1:3-13 NIV] 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his **great mercy** he has given us **new birth** into a **living hope** through the **resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, 4 and into an **inheritance** that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 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**. 13 Therefore, with **minds** that are **alert** and **fully sober**, set your **hope** on the **grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed** at **his coming**.

[Mat 5:5 NIV] 5 Blessed are the meek, **for they will inherit the earth**.

[Col 1:3-6, 9-12 NIV] 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,
4 because we have heard of your **faith in Christ Jesus** and of the **love you have for all God's people**-- 5
the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have
already heard in the **true message of the gospel** 6 that has come to you. In the same way, the **gospel**
is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world--just as it has been doing among you since
the day you heard it and **truly understood God's grace**... 9 For this reason, since the day we heard
about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge
of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a
life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the
knowledge of God, 11 being **strengthened with all power according to his glorious might** so that you
may have great **endurance** and **patience**, 12 and **giving joyful thanks to the Father**, who has **qualified**
you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

New Jerusalem

[Rev 21:9-11, 22-27 NIV] ..."Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the **Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.** 11 **It shone with the glory of God,** and its **brilliance** was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ... 22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 **The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.** 24 **The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.** 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be **no night there.** 26 **The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.** 27 **Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

New Heaven & New Earth

[Rev 21:1-7 NIV] 1 Then I saw "a **new heaven** and a **new earth**," for **the first heaven and the first earth had passed away**, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the **Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down** out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride **beautifully dressed** for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "**Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.**" They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 '**He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order** of things has passed away.'" 5 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." 6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 **Those who are victorious will inherit all this**, and I will be their God and they will **be my children.**"

[Isa 65:17-25 NIV] 17 "See, I will create **new heavens** and a **new earth**. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. 18 But **be glad** and **rejoice forever** in what **I will create**, for **I will create Jerusalem to be a delight** and its people a **joy**. 19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and **take delight in my people**; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. 20 "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; **the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed**. 21 They will **build houses** and dwell in them; they will **plant vineyards and eat their fruit**. 22 No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will **long enjoy the work of their hands**. 23 They will **not labor in vain**, nor will they **bear children** doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people **blessed by the LORD**, they and their descendants with them. 24 Before they **call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear**. 25 The **wolf and the lamb will feed together**, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and **dust will be the serpent's food**. They will **neither harm nor destroy** on all my holy mountain," **says the LORD**.

God is **love**. (1 John 4:8,16)

Self

sacrifice

Love [God] is **patient**, love [God] is **kind**. [God] **does not envy**, [God] **does not boast**, [God] is **not proud**. 5 [God] **does not dishonor others**, [God] is **not self-seeking**, [God] is **not easily angered**, [God] **keeps no record of wrongs**. 6 [God] **does not delight in evil** but **rejoices with the truth**. 7 [God] **always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres**. 8 **Love [God] never fails**.

[1Co 13:1-8 NIV]