

2nd Chance Christian Newsletter

2 Corinthians 5: 17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Eternal Hope

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Some of you guys are experiencing what most of us that have turned to the Lord have already experienced; finding yourselves in a situation where you don't believe you have much hope. Where all hope is lost.

I've got some blessed news for you, that's where God works best. When we give up and ask Jesus Christ into our lives, we humble ourselves, step to the side and call on the Lord to work, He does His miraculous power.

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Only by calling on Jesus Christ can one receive the promise of eternal life. **Psalms 18:3 I will**

call upon the LORD, *who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.*

John 3:15-16 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

With the promise of eternal life comes hope. This is also eternal. There are many scriptures in the Bible that refer to eternal promises besides salvation.

Many people believe they have a lot of time. This is a lie from Satan. We do not know when we will be past the point of no redemption, only that there is such a time. **Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:** This is when the hope for eternal life is lost - for ever.

Christians should not put their

faith in the world or the riches therein. The world does not bring eternal hope. **Psalms 49:6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;**

7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

8 (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

9 That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.

10 For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

I want to talk a little about the eternal hope that comes to us that have accepted Christ while we are still alive. The words "eternal" and "hope" are only used in the same scripture twice

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Special points of interest:

- Free: English & Spanish John & Romans
- Free: Blessed Promises Booklets {English Only}
- Free: ABC Salvation Booklet
- Free: The Destructive Power of Secrets Booklet.
- I have a few English Gift & Award Bibles and Spanish Bibles for free. Just write and I will mail out what I have and put any extra names on a list and mail others out as I get them in.

Even though this material is primary free for inmates and rehab patients we will try to fill any request to send material to any lost or backslidden soul as God provides

Eternal: 1} Without beginning or end of existence. The *eternal* God is thy refuge. Deut. XXXiii.

Hope: 2} Confidence in a future event; the highest degree of well founded expectation of good; as a *hope* founded on God's gracious promise; a scriptural sense. A well founded scriptural *hope*, is, in our religion, the source of ineffable happiness.

Ineffable: Unspeakable; unutterable; that cannot be expressed in words; usually in a good sense; as the *ineffable* joys of heaven; the *ineffable* glories of the Deity.

{ American Dictionary of The English Language Noah Webster 1828}

Deuteronomy 33:27 The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy *them*.

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;
Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

in the Bible. Both times they show up they are attached to the word life. **Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;** and again in: **Titus 3:7 (KJV) That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

Our eternal hope is in the fact we have been promised eternal life.

This should turn a light on in your hearts and minds. The promise of eternal life gives the believer the strength to get through those everyday problems we all face. One of the differences between saved {children of God} and the lost is in the way we react to the trials or tribulations we face.

God's children enjoy more than a promise of escaping the second death. **Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

Christians have the ability to call on God in life situations. **1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

We have faith in Christ who has overcome the world. **John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**

Thus knowing Christ has overcome the world gives us the assurance that we can overcome the world through our faith in Him.

1 John 2:12 I write unto you, [A] little children, because [B] your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known [C] him that is from

the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome [D] the wicked one. I write unto you, [A] little children, because [E] ye have known the Father.

14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known [C] him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have [F] overcome [D] the wicked one.

[A] Only followers of Christ are children of God. Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

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.

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is

righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

[B] The only name by which sins are forgiven is Jesus Christ. Acts 2:21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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

Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,



21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

[C] Him that is from the beginning is Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

[D] The wicked one is Satan / The Devil. 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Luke 8:12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

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Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

[E] The only way to know the Father is to accept Jesus Christ as one's personal Lord and Saviour. John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Matthew 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him*.

[F] Over come the world and the lust therein. 1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

With the coming new year keep in mind the promises we {the children of God} have for our eternal hope. 1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God

overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

On the last page are some thoughts for the new year. This newsletter may not get to you before Christmas but I wish you a Merry Christmas and a God blessed New Year.



Dear Friend,

How are you? I had to send a note to tell you how much I love and care for you. I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day, hoping you would want to talk with me also. As evening drew near I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you and I waited. You never came. Oh yes, it hurt me, but I still love you because I'm still your friend. I saw you fall asleep last night and longed to touch your brow...so I spilled moonlight on your pillow and face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we would talk. I have so many gifts for you. But then you awakened late and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain. Oh, if you only knew how much I love you. I try to tell you in the blue sky and quiet green grass. I whisper it in the leaves on the trees and breath it in the colors of the flowers. I shout it to you from the mountain streams and give the birds love songs to sing to you. My love for you is deeper than the deepest ocean and bigger than the biggest want or need in your mind. Oh, if you only could spend an eternity with me in heaven. I know how hard it is on this earth, I really know...and I want to tell you. I want you to meet my Father. He wants to help you too. My Father is that way you know. Just call me...ask...talk to me. Oh please, please don't forget me. I have so much to share with you. All right, I won't bother you any further. You are free to choose me...it's your decision. I have chosen you and because of this I will wait... Because I love you

Your friend Jesus
{unknown Author}

The Night Before Jesus Came

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house Not a creature was praying, not one in the house. Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care. In hopes that Jesus would not come there. The children were dressing to crawl into bed, not once ever kneeling or bowing a head. And mom in her rocker with the baby on her lap was watching the late show while I took a nap. When out of the east there arose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash tore open the shutters and threw up the sash! When what to my wondering eyes should appear but angels proclaiming that Jesus was here. With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY! The light of his face made me cover my head It was Jesus returning just like He said. And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself. In the Book of Life which He held in His hand was written the name of every saved man. He spoke not a word as He searched for my name; When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame. The people whose names had been written with love He gathered to take to His Father above. With those who were ready He rose without a sound while all the rest were left standing around. I fell to my knees, but it was too late; I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate. I stood and I cried as they rose out of site; oh, if only we had been ready tonight. In the words of this poem the meaning is clear; The coming of Jesus is drawing near. There's only one life and when comes the last call we'll find that the Bible was true

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