

Our HOPE is IN God ALONE ~ Psalm 33:13-22

→Scripture Reading - Ps. 33:20-22, 124:2-4 1 Cor. 15:50, Rom. 15:13

INTRODUCTION

→In 1970 The Late Great Planet Earth

→88 Reasons Christ will come in 88

2 Peter 3:3 (NIV) First of all, you must understand that IN THE LAST DAYS scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

^{3:9} The Lord is not SLOW in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

^{3:11} Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you LOOK FORWARD to the day of God...

OUR HOPE IS IN YOU ~ Psalm 33:13-22

¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven and **sees the whole human race**. ¹⁴ From His throne He **observes ALL who live on the earth**. ¹⁵ He MADE their hearts, so He UNDERSTANDS everything they do.

¹⁶ The best-equipped army cannot save a king, nor is great strength enough to save a warrior.

¹⁷ Don't count on your warhorse to give you victory - for all its strength, it cannot save you.

¹⁸ But the LORD watches over those who **FEAR Him**, those who **RELY on His Unfailing LOVE**.

¹⁹ He RESCUES them from death and keeps them ALIVE in times of famine. (NLT)

²⁰ **We put our HOPE in the LORD**. He is our help and our shield. ²¹ In Him our hearts rejoice, for we TRUST in His holy NAME. ²² Let your **unfailing love** surround us, LORD, for **our HOPE is in You ALONE**. (NLT)

IMPLICATION

→We can put ALL our Faith and HOPE in God ALONE

...we TRUST in His holy NAME. ²² Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our HOPE is in You ALONE. (NLT)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 6 (NIV) Now faith is being SURE of what we HOPE for and CERTAIN of what we do not SEE. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Faith is BELIEVING that God... (LAB)

- really IS who He SAYS He IS
- really WILL DO what He says He will DO

⁶ And without FAITH it is **impossible** to please God... (NIV)

²² Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for **our HOPE is in You ALONE**. (NLT)

Unless the Lord BUILDS the House, City, Church ~ Psalm 127:1-2

¹ Unless the LORD BUILDS the house, its builders labor in VAIN. Unless the LORD WATCHES over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. ² In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat - for He grants sleep to those he loves.

² It is vain for you to rise early, come home late, and work so hard for your food. Yes, **He can PROVIDE for those whom He loves EVEN when they sleep.** (NET)

Hard work by itself is not what counts, but one's relationship to God, for God IS able to bless an individual even WHILE he sleeps. NET

Psalm 124:2-5, 8 (NIV) ²...if the LORD had NOT been on our side when men attacked us, ³ when their anger flared against us, they would have swallowed us alive; ⁴ the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, ⁵ the raging waters would have swept us away.

⁸ Our HELP is in the NAME of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Give Yourselves FULLY to the WORK ~ 1 Chronicles 28:20

1 Chronicles 28:20 (NLT) ...David continued, Be strong and courageous, and DO THE WORK. Don't be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is WITH YOU. He will not FAIL you or FORSAKE you. He will see to it that all the work related to the Temple of the LORD is finished correctly.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV) ...my dear brothers, STAND FIRM. Let NOTHING move you. Always give yourselves FULLY to the WORK of the Lord, because you know that **your labor** in the Lord is not in vain.

TAKE AWAY ??

Psalm 33:22 (NLT) Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our HOPE is in You ALONE.

Romans 15:13 (NIV) May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE AS you Trust in Him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit.

There is a hope that burns within my heart,
That gives me strength for every passing day;
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
Yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
To make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
A consolation strong against despair,
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Savior there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
And they will lead me home.