

Easter 2021

Hope: A New Day Dawning

“Hope” is commonly used to mean a wish: its strength is the strength of the person's desire. Biblical hope is the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in His faithfulness.

Our **HOPE** is born out of Jesus' **RESURRECTION**.

(John 14:19 NLT) “Soon the world will longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live.”

(1 Corinthians 15:13-14 NLT) For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.

(1 Peter 1:3-4 NLT) All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

HOPE COMPELS US

(Matthew 28:1-10 NLT) Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you.”

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel’s message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.”

1. To **BELIEVE**.

(John 11:25 NLT) Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.

2. To **SHARE**.

(Acts 1:8 NLT) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

3. To **REJOICE**.

(Philippians 4:4 NLT) Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say again – rejoice!

4. To **WORSHIP**.

(John 4:24 NLT) For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

NEW DAY LIVING

1. **LOVE** Him.

(Matthew 22:37 NLT) Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’

2. **PURSUE** Him.

(Jeremiah 29:13 NLT) If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

3. **GIVE** Him.

(Luke 9:24 NLT) “If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.”