



Jesus Christ, our All in all  
CrossTalk's 25th Anniversary

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**Jesus Christ, our Anchor of Hope, part 2**

**'Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,  
for He who promised is faithful' Hebrews 10:23**

***'This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast,  
and which enters the Presence behind the veil' Heb 6:19***

- † Any anchor needs maintenance or it gets rusty. So does our hope
- † The Nicene Creed ends with hope 'We (I) look for the resurrection of the dead and the everlasting life to come. Amen'

**The one Hope is Jesus Christ**

- † *'There is one Body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one Hope of your calling' Eph 4:4*

**Spiritual war aims at making us lose hope**

- † The world tells us to be realistic and not to hope in what we do not see. The philosopher Nietzsche said, 'Hope is the worst of all evils, for it prolongs the torment of man'
- † *'But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation' 1Thes 5:8*

**Christ, the Lord of Hope**

- † *'For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?' Rom 8:24*
- † *'Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen' Heb 11:1*

**Hope, does not disappoint us**

- † *'Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who was given to us' Rom 5:5*

## Hope in us, we who are created in His image and according to His likeness

- † *'And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure' 1 Jn 3:3*
- † *'And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. 'And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.' But sanctify [b]the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed' 1 Pt 3:13-16*

## Hope drives away compromise (Dn 3)

- † It was Hope that made Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego not fear the king and his authority
- † *'For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us' Rom 8:18*

## Know Hope in all its aspects

- † Hope, like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's, walking into the furnace and still come out victorious (Dn 3)
- † Hope, like Peter's, throwing his net in the deep after a long night of fishing to no avail, and getting abundantly (Lk 5:3-11)
- † Hope, like the man at the pool, who for thirty-eight years would go to the pool to get healed and fails to enter it, but does not give up and still goes there on a daily basis (Jn 5: 1-9)
- † Hope, like that of the woman caught in adultery, knowing that there is no sin too big for the Father to forgive (Jn 8:1-11)
- † Hope, like Gideon's, being confident that with the Lord we are victorious and numbers do not matter (Jgs 7)
- † Hope, like Abraham's, knowing that we can adapt to all kinds of changes (Gn 12)
- † Hope, like Mordecai's, where no matter how hard the circumstances are, the Lord will deal with our enemies when we are faithful and when we leave things in His hands (Est 6-10)
- † Hope, like Nehemiah's, where all things done in the Lord's Name and for the Lord will succeed, even if the workers are few, the task is big, and the mockers many (Neh 3:1-32)

- † Hope, like Job's, remaining faithful to God and persevering through trials and we will be rewarded by God (*Jb 13*)
- † Hope, like the apostles', being an instrument in the Lord's hands where He will do great things, only if we surrender fully to Him (*Acts 2-4*)
- † Hope, like Paul's, knowing that God's grace can reach no matter how far the person has gone (*Acts 9:1-9*)
- † Hope, like Stephen's, where being firm until the end, leads to spend eternity with Christ (*Acts 7:54-60*)

## Bibliography

Unless otherwise noted, all Biblical passages referenced are from the New King James Version

## Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

## Verse to memorize

'The hope of the righteous will be gladness (joy)' Proverbs 10:28

## In my Prayer and Faith Autobiography Book

### God acts

- † The Holy Spirit is my Hope in Christ

### My reaction

- † Is my hope in Christ?
- † Am I sowing hope in my family, in my community, in my church?

## During the coming week, let us pray expectantly

1. seeking the Lord's will to be done in Lebanon
2. for CrossTalk to find a locale
3. for David, Gisele, Habib and Karim
4. to become more of saints and less of sinners
5. to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think
6. to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth
7. to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him
8. to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor
9. to all the sick
10. to all those in prison

11. to the unity of the Christians
12. to one another to be honest and not lack integrity
13. to put all that we have in the Lord's hands trusting His management
14. to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them
15. to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights
16. to the situation in Lebanon, the whole region and the world

During this coming week, we will lift the Roman Catholic Church in prayer

<p><u>الصلاة الربانية</u>  أبانا الذي في السموات  ليبتدسُ اسمك  ليأت ملكوتك  ليتكُن مشيئتك  كما في السماء  كذلك على الأرض  أعطنا خبزنا كفاف يومنا  واغفر لنا ذنوبنا وخطايانا  كما نحن نغفر  لِمَن أخطأ وأساء إلينا  ولا تُدخِلنا في التجارب  لكنْ نَجِّنا من الشرير  أمين</p>	<p><u>قانون الايمان</u>  نؤمن بالله واحد،  أب ضابط الكل  خالق السماء والأرض  كل ما يُرى وما لا يُرى  وبرب واحد يسوع المسيح، ابن الله الوحيد  المولود من الأب قبل كل الدهور  إله من إله، نور من نور، إله حق من إله حق  مولود غير مخلوق  مساو للأب في الجوهر  الذي به كان كل شيء  الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر، ومن أجل خلاصنا  نزل من السماء  وتجسد من الروح القدس، ومن مريم العذراء  وصار إنساناً  وصُلبَ عنا على عهد بيلاطس البنطي  تألم ومات و قُبر وقام في اليوم الثالث كما جاء في الكتب  وصعد إلى السماء  وجلس عن يمين الله الأب  أيضاً يأتي بمجد عظيم  ليدين الأحياء والأموات  الذي لا فناء لملكه  وبالروح القدس، الرب المحيي  المُنبتق من الأب والإبن،  الذي هو مع الأب والإبن  يُسجد له ويُمجد الناطق بالأنبياء والرسل  وبكنيسة واحدة، جامعة، مقدسة، رسولية  ونعترف بمعمودية واحدة لمغفرة الخطايا  ونترجى قيامة الموتى والحياة في الدهر الآتي  أمين</p>
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