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Christian Character / Faith; Hope; Love; Word; Earth; Heaven; Spiritual growth / Colossians 1:4–5

The Word of God gives believers Hope Here on Earth and Hope for Heaven to come.

 

**Colossians 1:4–5 ESV**

4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,

# **I. Hope in Heaven**

## A. Christians have a strong Hope in a destiny in Heaven

Acts 23:6; 1 Corinthians 15:19

## B. Christians live here and now in a Hope for Heaven

Matthew 6:19-20; 2 Timothy 4:8

# **II. Hope on Earth**

## A. Spiritual Wisdom and Thanksgiving grows Hope Here and Now

Colossians 1:9; 2 Thessalonians 1:3

## B. The Born Again are obedient to Truth and serve One Another due to the Hope in God Here on Earth

1 Peter 1:21-23; Hebrews 6:10

# **III. Hope in the Word**

## A. God’s Word brings Hope closer and closer

Romans 10:8; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Ephesians 1:13

## B. It is not an Ordinary Word that gives us Hope and we Hunger for it

1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 2:2

# **God’s Invitation and Plan of Salvation**

## **Hear** - Romans 10:17

## **Believe and Confess** - Romans 10:9-10

## **Repent** - Luke 13:3

## **Be Baptized** - Romans 6:3-4

## **Remain Faithful** - Revelation 2:10

**New to the Faith**

• First Principles

**Have you fallen away from Faith?**

• Need to be Restored

**My Decision Today**

• I would like to be baptized today

• I would like to renew my life to Christ

• I would like to learn more about Jesus and the Bible

**Questions: What are my next steps?**

• Come forward to be baptized

• Request a Bible Study to learn more

• Attend Bible Class to grow and mature

• Find a place to serve others

• Apply today’s lesson to my life