

HOPELESSNESS

The Bible is clear that we have hope because we have Jesus. He opened heaven's door through what he did at Calvary (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We also have a purpose that all who are saved can walk in (Ephesians 2:10) that gives us a future and hope (Jeremiah 29:11). In addition, we have the Holy Spirit (1 John 2:27) and are anointed to do the same things Jesus did (Luke 4:18). We are his instruments (1 Corinthians 3:16) to push back the gates of hell, bringing the gospel to the world (Matthew 28:19-20). We are the good Samaritans for the defeated and downtrodden; we are their hope.

Colossians 1:27

“to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

However, the devil tries to counteract and counterfeit everything Jesus does. Instead of hope, he tries to make us hopeless. He robs and steals (John 10:10) causing us to see defeat, failure, closed doors, and impossible situations, resulting in our losing hope. We no longer can “see” coming to pass what was prophesied, what was promised, or what we expected (Hebrews 11:1). The future is dimmed and the light at the end of the tunnel is extinguished. We are in the darkness of discouragement and depression, feeling a grief about what we perceived has been taken away.

Proverbs 13:12

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.”

We have been lied to because we have focused on the physical and believed the lie that our eyes have shown us: that it will never happen, or never get changed,

2 Corinthians 10:5

“We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,”

Hopelessness can stymie or even stop us, putting us off to the side of the road in our own race, which renders us ineffective in the kingdom of God. We no longer go forward, because we don't see where to go.

This situation requires repentance – for believing a lie, for being mad at God (if applicable). We may also need deliverance from hopelessness and grief to release the depression and heaviness. Then we can ask God to renew us in our vision and what he has prepared for us, so we can walk in it now that we agree with Him again.

Amos 3:33

“Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?”