

HOPE: JESUS IS THE GOD OF ALL HOPE. (see: altogetherlovely.org (then: Christian Theology / God-Jesus-Holy Spirit) If Jesus lives in your heart by faith then you have HOPE. JESUS IS "HOPE". As you meditate on this truth His Spirit will well up inside you and you will experience the HOPE that is Jesus. Thank Him for being you HOPE.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. (Psalm 16:9) But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts. (Psalm 22:9) Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD. (Psalm 31:24) Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; (Psalm 33:18) For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God. (Psalm 38:15) And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee. (Psalm 39:7) Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. (Psalm 42:5) For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth. (Psalm 71:5) But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more. (Psalm 71:14) Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. (Psalm 119:49) I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. (Psalm 130:5) For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. (Isaiah 38:8) Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. (Jeremiah 17:7) And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border. (Jeremiah 31:17) It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. (Lam. 3:26) The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. (Joel 3:16) Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: (Acts 2:26) But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. (Acts 23:6) By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Rom. 5:2) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. (Romans 5:5) For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. (Romans 8:24-25) Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; (Romans 12:12) Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. (Romans 15:13) For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. (Galatians 5:5) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, (Eph.1:18) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (Colossians 1:27) Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, (2 Thess. 2:16) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope; (1 Tim. 1:1) Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; (Titus 2:13) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (1 Peter 1:3) But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: (1 Peter 3:15)

THE NAME OF JESUS!!

One day I was on my way to Edmonton from Abbotsford - my car broke down on the highway and I ended up in Hope. Everything that day went wrong. I began to be tempted spiritually.

Then I realized that I was being demonically oppressed. I had no where to turn.....

Then I realized that I needed to get SAVED out of my situation. I needed my Savior!!

So I said OUTLOUD, "Jesus!! Boom, He came and filled me and the demons left.

The NAME OF JESUS - POWERFUL, OH SO POWERFUL!!

Jesus SAVES us from sin, death, hell, demons, addictions, ourselves, our fears, insecurities. **THE NAME OF JESUS!!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwc0forMqtk> **JESUS LOVES YOU! PRAY TO HIM RIGHT NOW!!**

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THE SERENITY PRAYER (FULL VERSION):

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His Will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

THE TWELVE STEP PRAYER

Jesus, Who is always with me Blessed be Your name.
Come into my life,
Let me know Your will, and help me to live it out each day.
Give me today that which I need
And help me show forgiveness to others
just as You show forgiveness to me.
Please protect me from temptation And restore me if I fall.
For Everything I have comes from You
And all good things are Yours.
As it has always been, and will always be,
Forever and ever Amen

ROMANS 8:28-39 (The Living Bible) Memorise a verse/week!!!

²⁸ And we know that all that is happening to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans.

²⁹ For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son, so that his Son would be the First, with many brothers.

³⁰ And having chosen us, he called us to come to him; and when we came, he declared us “not guilty,” filled us with Christ’s goodness, gave us right standing with himself, and promised us his glory.

³¹ What can we ever say to such wonderful things as these? If God is on our side, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son for us but gave him up for us all, won’t he also surely give us everything else?

³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? Will God? No! For He is the one who has forgiven us and given us right standing with himself.

³⁴ Who then will condemn us? Will Christ? *No!* For he is the one who died for us and came back to life again for us and is sitting at the place of highest honor next to God, pleading for us there in heaven.

³⁵ Who then can ever keep Christ’s love from us? When we have trouble or calamity, when we are hunted down or destroyed, is it because he doesn’t love us anymore? And if we are hungry or penniless or in danger or threatened with death, has God deserted us?

³⁶ No, for the Scriptures declare that for his sake we must be ready to face death at every moment of the day—we are like sheep awaiting slaughter; ³⁷ but despite all this, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ who loved us enough to die for us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can’t, and life can’t. The angels won’t, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God’s love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow,

³⁹ or where we are—high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean—nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us.

**Jesus promised:
I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU
NOR FORSAKE YOU!
Where can you find someone like that!!**

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RENEWING YOUR MIND!!

In order to move forward in something new and different, we need to renew our minds. To do that, our minds need a new connection. **Repentance** can feel like a heavy word. Maybe it's a new word altogether for you. But repentance is the way God uses to change us. Let me show you what I mean.

When we recognize our bad news, it is a watershed moment. Hopefully you've been digging deep and asking God to reveal what is playing on repeat. It may take days or weeks, but I hope a pattern emerges to you. I hope you're able to write down those thoughts or tell them to a friend, so you'll be more apt to snatch them out of space when you think them.

When you realized the junk you were preaching to yourself, I hope you took your heavy heart to God in sorrow and asked Him to change your mind — which is what repentance is about. We really can do that! It may feel foreign to do, but we pray for physical healing from things like cancer or injuries we've suffered in an accident. We clearly believe that God can work at a cellular level.

When we feel frustrated or stuck in our ruts of false belief, we can pray that God will change the very neural pathways in our brain. We can ask Him to rewire the innermost parts of our minds on a biological level. He created us. He knit us together in our mothers' bellies. I believe that He can change the way my brain tangles together and makes connections. Do you believe that too?

Let's practice together. We can pray this prayer when we're feeling the effects of our false beliefs:

Lord, You are mighty in me. You made me. You put every cell together and came up with me. You are the Lord of my life, and You are the Lord of my mind. Lord, I have believed things that are not true, and I'm sorry for that. Please forgive me. Lord, because You are good, would You let the ways I used to think die off and then would You blaze a new trail in my mind? Would You stop connections in my brain that are tied to my old way of thinking and form new neural pathways with Your good truth? Thank You, Lord, for Your forgiveness and for the miraculous way You made me. Please remake my mind to be more like Yours.

That is a beautiful moment of repentance — of receiving His grace that comes after we go to Him, humble, needy, unable to heal ourselves.

That is one moment of repentance — repentance for years of being a false preacher in your own head, repentance for overlooking His good news and still preferring the bad news. This is the kind of repenting that happens a thousand times a day. When you go about your day and all is well, you thank God for keeping you on the narrow path. When you catch a bad news loop gearing up, you shush it, preach to yourself, and then get back to the good news. You pray, "Forgive me, God. I **want** to believe; please help me overcome my unbelief."

This is the kind of repentance where you skin your knees and get back up. This is the kind of repentance that you commit to, knowing that God is urging you to good works. His Spirit is mighty in you, & you are renewing your mind! Don't get stuck in guilt and shame. The work of turning around is the work of honesty and wholeness. There is a peaceful kind of power that comes when you go God's way, however imperfectly it might be.

In Romans 12:2, the apostle Paul writes, ***Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.***

You renew; God transforms. To "be transformed" means that something outside of you is doing the transforming. You must be faithful to take the thoughts captive, but ultimately, God is the only one who can change our minds.

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Your Turn

We cannot change ourselves but we can be an active participant in what God already wants to do to heal us and make us new. Let's pay attention to our thinking, recognize when it's a bad news loop, and take our thoughts captive. Then, let's pray today for the Lord to forgive us for thinking wrongly and ask Him to forge new pathways in our brains so that we can become more like Him!

For God has not given us a spirit of fear,
but of **power** and of **love** and of a **sound mind**. (2 Timothy 1:7)

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PEACE: Jesus is peace!!

Not as the world promises or gives –but REAL peace. Jesus is the essence of peace. Again we can miss it because we don't simply believe "He" is our peace!! Praise God that Jesus is our peace!! Now, as you reflect on the following verses on peace, may our Lord illuminate to you His truth –HE IS OUR PEACE!!!

The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. (Numbers 6:26) Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. (Job 22:21) **I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:8)** The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace. (Psalm 29:1) **Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. (Psalm 37:3)** I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. (Psalm 85:8) **A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones. (Proverbs 14:30)** When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. (Pro. 16:7) **Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. (Isaiah 26:3)** And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. (Isaiah 32:17) **But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)** And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. (Isaiah 54:13) **For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. (Isaiah 55:12)** Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27) **These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (Romans 5:1) **For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (Romans 8:6)** For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. (Romans 14:17) **Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. (Romans 15:13)** For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (Ephesians 2:14) **And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. (Colossians 3:15)** And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:23) **Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. (2 Thessalonians 3:16)** Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, (Hebrews 13:20) **QUOTES: Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian. (A.W. Tozer)** No philosophical theory which I have yet come across is a radical improvement on the words of Genesis, that 'In the beginning God made Heaven and Earth'. (C.S. Lewis)

Christ-Directed Life

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness



- Life is Christ-centered
- Empowered by Holy Spirit
- Introduces others to Christ
- Has effective prayer life
- Understands God's Word
- Trusts God
- Obeys God

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Twelve Reasons to Trust Jesus as Savior

1) Jesus is God. His teachings are divine truth on which we can confidently build our lives on. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6) **2) Jesus died for our sins on the cross of Calvary.** His shed blood on the cross was the atonement that was needed to bring us to God. "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin." (Hebrews 9:22) **3) Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today.** He is alive and able to talk to us on a personal basis every day. Jesus Christ has power over death. We need that. **4) Jesus Christ has divine power.** He is more than perfect man. He has divine power to give us for our daily lives. **5) Jesus was sinless.** He was not able to sin because He was God. This makes Him able to save us completely. Jesus cannot and will not ever sin. His salvation for us is perfect. For Jesus to come into our heart and live in us gives us the power we need over sin, our flesh, the world, and the devil. **6) Jesus created all things.** He is bigger, mightier, and more powerful than anything or anybody. We need the best and Jesus is the best. He is God Almighty. (No other "mainstream" religious leader ever claimed to be God). **7) Jesus "was, is, and always will be" perfect.** We can never be perfect no matter how hard we try. We need Jesus' perfection in our life or we will spend the rest of our lives trying to be better. How much perfection is enough to get to God? Only perfection is enough. We need Christ's perfection not ours. **8) Jesus knows what it is like to be human.** Jesus suffered loss, pain, affliction, rejection, heartache, etc. No body else can relate to us better than Jesus. He is able to comfort us, give us rest, give us hope, and give us life. **9) Jesus loves us.** He wants nothing but the best for us. He is "for" us. He will never leave us and He promises to be with us always. His love is unchanging, perfect, and ever present. **10) Jesus lived His life on earth under the Father's authority.** He knew the Father and loved Him. If Jesus could completely trust in His Father, even enough to go to the cross, can't we also? **11) Jesus received a spiritual body at His resurrection that will never die.** We are promised the same. Jesus keeps His promises (Joshua 21:45; 1 Kings 8:56; etc.) **12) Jesus changes lives.** Millions upon millions of people testify to Christ's power, joy, peace, love, salvation, etc.

BELIEVE –RECEIVE -BECOME

RECEIVE: Yet, to all who received him,

BELIEVE: to those who believed in his name,

BECOME: he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)

BELIEVE: that God loves you and promises you eternal life in Christ. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. (John 1:4) This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. (John 2:11) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:14-16) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:18) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. (John 5:24) And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:40) (see: John 6:47; John 8:30; John 10:42; John 11:45; John 12:11)

CHRISTIAN BELIEVE: that you are separated from God and a sinner. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (Romans 3:23) As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. (Romans 3:10-12) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23) (see Rom. 3:10-18) **We sin because of our "sinful nature" that was imparted to us by Adam. We need a new nature –the divine nature of Jesus imparted to us by the New Birth.**

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According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Peter 1:3-4) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17) (see: John 3:3-6)

BELIEVE: that God provided a way that we could have forgiveness of sin. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom. 5:8) For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:3-7) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9) **God's grace is Christ dying for our sins on the cross. Every religion says, "DO". Go to church, pray, do a pilgrimage, do penance, etc. etc. Christianity says, "DONE". Jesus did it all for us on the cross of Calvary. Jesus conquered death. Jesus rose from the dead. We can believe by faith in what HE has done for us!! "SALVATION"**

RECEIVE: His forgiveness, love, and acceptance "freely". No cost to you. But a huge cost to Jesus!!! But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (Romans 8:9-10). Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12) But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (John 1:12). But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, (Ephesians 2:4). Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (Revelation 3:20)

RECEIVE: receive Christ by praying this prayer from the heart:

"Lord Jesus, thank You for shedding Your blood on the cross for me so my sins could be forgiven. Thank You for dying on the cross for me so I could die to that old person. Thank You for rising from the dead so that I can have eternal life –for YOU are eternal life. I confess that I am a sinner and that salvation is found in no one else but YOU. I ask You to now come into my heart and life and be my Savior, Lord, and King. I give You all my life. Now Lord, fill me with Your Holy Spirit so that I can have power over sin, the world, my old sinful nature, and the devil. Thank You Jesus. I am now saved, a child of God, and I will spend eternity with You in heaven. In Jesus' Name I pray.

BECOME: become a "child of God" by the new birth. "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Have you received Christ into your heart? Did He say He would come in if you received Him? Is Christ a liar? Do you "feel" saved (salvation is "not" a feeling but believing on what God's Word has told you)? Christianity is walking by faith. You "are" a child of God by faith. As you walk with Christ and trust in His presence (He's there), begin to "thank" Him for saving you. The feelings will follow as you put your trust in Him. JESUS HAS DONE IT ALL FOR YOU AT THE CROSS!! You're a CHILD OF GOD and have ETERNAL LIFE –the life of God living in YOU!!! Amen.



IT IS FINISHED!!

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