

The Lord is the Object of our Hope

Jeremiah 17:7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord.

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in **Christ**, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through **Jesus Christ**, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

2 Corinthians 5:19 that is, that God was in **Christ** reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made **Him** who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in **Him**.

- Romans 3:21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
- Romans 3:22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in **Jesus Christ**, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;
- Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- Romans 3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
- Romans 3:25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,
- Romans 3:26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
 - One element of God's infinite and majestic nature is His character, those qualities that define Him, the love for His human creation, being one of the most prominent. These qualities, this character, comes through in His human creation. This is by design.
- Romans 3:27 **Where is boasting then?** It is excluded. By what law? Of works? **No, but by the law of faith.**
 - Another element of God's character is sobriety of mind/clarity of thought. Knowing that God made Him who knew no sin to become sin for us then, naturally brings humility. It is humility coupled with faith that keeps us in the knowledge of God.
 - Sobriety of mind is referred to as a helmet, Ephesians 6:17 And take the **helmet of salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 1 Thessalonians 5:8 **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**.
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through **our Lord Jesus Christ**, 1 Thessalonians 5:10 **who died for us**, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.
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 - ROMANS 4:25 WHO WAS DELIVERED UP BECAUSE OF OUR OFFENSES, AND WAS RAISED BECAUSE OF OUR JUSTIFICATION.

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- Romans 8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

1 John 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

1 John 4:12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 1 John 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 1 John 4:14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. 1 John 4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. 1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 1 John 4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.