## "Hope and the Resurrection of Jesus" Series: Learning the Language of Biblical Hope

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As a boy, I was enthralled by all things NASA!



I understood what "Houston, we have a problem" meant!!!

#### Jesus came to Jerusalem to launch God's Kingdom Plan:

- "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done" was happening!
- But Jesus is arrested, tried, humiliated/executed:

#### What happens to the Kingdom mission now?

• Jesus is resurrected: with a new incorruptible body & Message!

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

The Mission is back on track with a new Languages to be learned:
 Faith, Hope, Love

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

How do I get HOPE?	
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"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has **given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Peter 1:3-5

"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will **certainly** also be united with him in a resurrection like his." Romans 6:3-5

"In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the **first to put our hope in Christ**, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> **who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance** until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:11-14

# What is the Basis for this Hope? Hope is irrevocably linked to one Truth: Jesus, the Messiah from the dead!

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### What does Mature Hope look like? When Hope is Mature, it will ooze out of Christ-followers as

"In all this you **greatly rejoice**, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, **you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy**, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:6-9

Conclusion: What would you give to be able to predict the future?

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