

Hebrews 10:23 - Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

There are many references in the Bible to hope - but we sometimes tend to think of hope as wishful thinking, as something that may or may not materialize. But hope is actually a person, our Lord Jesus Christ. When the scriptures refer to the hope of Israel, this is a direct and specific reference to the coming Christ.

Titus 2:13 says that we wait for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. We know from Hebrews 6:19 that we have this hope as an anchor for our souls, a hope that is both sure and steadfast. And any of you who have hung out with me for more than a day or two know that I love to affirm Christ in you, the hope of glory.

We have this hope - already - as believers in Jesus Christ. We also have God's promise that everything He has spoken is backed up by the finished work of Christ on the cross - so we simply agree by saying "Amen!" to His "Yes."

Now let me share a verse with you that is bound to quicken your heartbeat and will likely renew your mind. This is from the 8th chapter of the book of Romans, verse 11: And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you.

This is so monumental and it is imperative that we take hold of it and never let go! The Holy Spirit, who is our birthright as those who have been born again in Christ, gives life to our bodies because He lives in us! He renews us not only in our spirits and souls, but also in our bodies. And furthermore, we have another promise about the hope that is Jesus, this time from Romans 5: And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love for us through the Holy Spirit whom He has given to us.

So there you have it. Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. Our hope is Jesus Himself! He has offered Himself freely to all who come to Him. Today, receive this hope as a steadfast anchor for your soul. Hold on to the hope that will never disappoint you because it is a Person who will never disappoint you, one who loves you with an everlasting love that will never let you go. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.