"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." (1 John 3:2, 3)

Saint Paul in Romans 8:24 tells us “We are saved by hope”, and then in Colossians 1:27 he states, “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” It is entirely possible in this day of increasing confusion that man may lose sight of hope because so many of the aspects of life which man ordinarily hopes upon, tend to be mirages having about as much substance as soap bubbles flying up into the atmosphere. It amazes me to see the numbers of people who go to the lottery counters in our stores, placing their hard earned money into the vain hope that suddenly they may become the possessor of some of Florida’s millions.

We are about to enter into another time of political campaigning, and already Mrs. Clinton and Vice President Gore are making great promises concerning education and health care, among other things, which may or may not prove out.

Those people who have hoped in Medicare and have also hoped in supplemental coverage find that their medications still cost much more money than they had anticipated, and it may be that their coverage for hospitalization and surgical procedures is inadequate.

Today, I walked into a local bank here in Tampa. While I was there I happened to see a man who has been my friend for years, who used to be a guard at the bank. Not too long ago, a robber came into the area where he was working and shot him, causing him to have a neurologic injury which plagues him to this very day. I asked him how he was feeling and he said, “Well, not too good.” Then he asked me to please pray for him. I told him that I had been praying for him and would continue to do so and that “Christ in him is the hope of glory.” He then said to me, “Yes, I’ve been to the mountaintop.” I replied, “Don’t leave that place of comfort and healing.” He replied that he certainly would not.

Here is an example of the fact that when man comes to the place in life where there is nothing more medically, surgically, or therapeutically that can be done in his instance, the only place that he has to have ultimate trust is in the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of His Resurrection. In Hebrews 6:19, we are told that this hope we have is “an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters into that within the veil.” The soul is the mental part of man, his emotional center, and man’s mind must be anchored in the most secure place where one can possibly find strong and unshakable anchorage. That anchorage is beyond the veil in the Holy of Holies in Jesus Himself. This kind of hope gives a man stability and strength when he looks around himself and sees nothing but hopelessness and despair. Would it not be wonderful if this kind of hope could be instilled into the people of Kosovo and Serbia at this present time? Certainly, in these places as well as in Ireland, Palestine, Pakistan, and in Ruwanda and in the ghetto areas of New York City, human beings must have hope. Think of the thousands of cases of HIV infection recently reported to be present among the young people of South Africa. To those who hope in Christ, there is an intrinsic morality and steadfast adherence to the laws of purity and of godliness that keep the youth from sexual aberration and avoidance of drugs and alcohol in their lives.

Man is saved by hope. (Romans 8:24) Jesus within us is the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:27) The hope of Eternal Life is a hope which will take us through every kind of emergency situation as well as chronic problems facing humanity in this life. (Titus 3:7) For our youth, if we have this hope within us, we purify ourselves, even as Jesus is pure. The entire Scripture states, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” (1 John 3:2, 3)

There is no doubt that at this particular time, even our beautiful nation of the United States requires purification. We are contaminated by our way of life, by the news which comes to us day by day, by the television, movies, and by the internet. Never has there been such an attack against holiness and the adherence to scriptural purity. But the hope
that we have is in Christ. If we stay in Him we will go through this in victory and in health and wholeness all the days of our lives.

Two young people on television were shown in a recent program, a young man and a young woman. They were both placed in rehabilitation and neither one of them lasted in that situation away from their intravenous amphetamines more than a week.

The woman in charge of the rehabilitation center said that for youth in that situation, there are only two avenues outside of sticking with rehabilitation: One is incarceration in prison and the other is death.

When the Scripture tells us that we should choose life and that this life is in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, it is telling the great truth which our young people must believe in. Isn’t it sad that the one avenue of true hope is withheld from our children in the school system and even our institutions of higher learning? The time has come when we must turn back toward Christ and the Power that comes from His Resurrection. He is in very truth the hope of glory and the hope of Life Eternal.

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