

saved", Acts 4:12. He that believeth on Him is not condemned but he that believeth not is condemned already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:18. From Genesis to Revelation Jesus is presented as the indispensable and only Saviour and hope of the hungry heart.

There are countless scriptures that present Him as the complete, finished work of God through the resurrection. This Christian hope does (not rest) upon mere attitudes of worship. Why

does this hope depend upon the work of men? Until an individual comes to that decision whether Jesus is recognized as the Son of God, as the object of worship, faith and obedience, there

is no legitimate ground for hope like the Ephesian Christian he dares as the scriptures as dead ~~xxx~~ in trespasses and sins Ephesians 2:1. So involved in this is the substance

of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen which is faith, Hebrews 11:1. It is faith that is supported by solid facts of history. A Christian can be confident of the future

because of historic certainties in the past. There is the record in Holy Scripture of God's divine dealings with men in the past who had this hope and hunger ~~xxx~~ in their hearts

satisfied. The God of scripture is revealed as a God of purpose, a God of sovereignty. It records what God has done in the past as He has dealt with sin and human failure.

It affirms the promises of God, the certainty of their fulfillment

INTRODUCTION: Life is busy in in-gathering and out-going. Jesus pictured here a rich farmer one day walking over his fields and they seemed to be promising with a plentiful harvest. He was perplexed because the barns were already bursting with the bounty of past harvests. "He thought only of the inlet of the income, only of the gathering, not of giving. He did not consider his goods being traded or given for some special cause, rather he would get and have and hold all of the gifts of God.

So he (pondered the matter) "What shall I do, because I have no room?" Then came to him this happy thought. This will I do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger and greater and better ones and I will say to my soul, 'Soul, thou hast laid up much goods for many years'. The (concern about self.) Ten times in this parable, the farmer uses the perpendicular pronoun 'I' or its possessive 'my'. It filled the hedge about himself. This man is already dead spiritually dead. The thought never occurred to him that some day he would let go of all his goods and that all of it would be distributed among others ~~xxxxx~~ at his death and yet he had a ~~xxxxxx~~ schrivled soul.

Neither (goods or gold) can satisfy the hunger of a man's heart. D. L. Moody once said, that a person's heart was so

big if you could pour the whole world into it and still it would be empty. Here we see the (neglect of God.) So it comes about that the loss of faith in God causes one to catch the meaning of people being dismayed and confused.

(Lord Byron) on his 35th birthday wrote, "I go to bed with a heaviness of heart and having lived so long and to so little purpose." When we think of our (modern living), we live by moods without an eternal purpose and life schrivles up and it is not very deep or broad or long of high. The book of Proverbs tells us that "He that ruleth his own spirit is better than he that taketh a city." When we think about modern times in which we live, certainly we should take note of this truth. I

think this man was something like modern man. As a (jet pilot) who flies on instruments. He's conscious of the tremendous speed of life, and he think he foresees the future and yet in a moment he is in the fog and he realized that his instruments are not working. ~~xx~~ The hunger of this man's heart is hope.

But he made the (mistake) of having confidence in his own ability. You see, this is where we make a mistake by trying to solve our own problems, likewise the things that come to us and the events, we feel that civilization and culture or intellect will solve the problems of life for us. Many people today have a feeling that scientific acheivement will be the thing that will bring hope to this world. In spite of unbelief

today in the reality of such hope, the human heart longs for a better tomorrow. As the growing (flower) lifts it's petals to the sun, so human expectations are directed its attention to tomorrow. Every (politician) promises that tomorrow will not be like yesterday. Every (scientist) dreams of further conquest in the physical world. What (oxygen) is for the lungs, so hope is for the hunger of the human heart. You take oxygen away and death occurs. You take hope away from man, and it paralyzes him. One of the modern man is short of breath. He is not satisfied with what the future extends to him nor does he feel the kind of security he wants.

(Christian hope) is completely in line with the Bible. For modern unbelief does not have any roots in the scriptures but hope that we know is grounded in the Bible. And it goes into human experience. The Bible goes into a comprehensive story of the future for man. This hunger if it is to be filled with hope is (not optional). This is another point that we ought to bring out in this discussing that the scriptures do not say that this hope is optional but it is the only free choice. It is the only way that God could provide it in time of eternity. It is unique and indispensable and Christian hope is simple and complete. Peter stated it in these works, "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none

necessity of the resurrection. Human bodies are now possessed by men in the flesh are weak subject to age and decay and doomed to physical death. They are therefore not suited for us throughout eternity and must be replaced. The normal order is that of death and resurrection. The nature of the resurrection of the body is defying as that of the spiritual body. It is further defying to having the image of the heavenlies and possessing incorruption and immortality. It is evident that the resurrection body of Jesus could be seen and that under normal circumstances it could be recognized. There is also another passage in I Thess. 4:13&18 which adds to this glorious promise. When we think of what Paul said in the Cor. passage, "Behold I show you a mystery we shall not all believe but we shall all be changed." certainly brings promise to the hunger heart. The longing of the human breast for a (true holiness) and conformity to the will of God is to be satisfied completely when believers in Christ see Him face to face. This is the faithful promise of Jesus Christ. John wrote this when he says, "When he shall appear we shall be like Him". I John 3:2. Paul in writing to the Ephesians church said "A glorious church not having spots or wrinkles or any such things, but that should be holy and without blemish," Ephesians 6:27. Again he said in Phillipians "Who shall change our vile bodies that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body according to

ment, the scriptures reveal the providence of God and His purpose in human history.

It is clear that God's central purpose is to (reveal Himself) His sovereign grace, His love, and His righteousness. Faithfulness and goodness. The universe as a whole as well as a human history in its detail ultimately has its meaning as pointing us to the God who created the world.

The ways and purposes of God however are infinitely complex, the scripture reveals that God has a place and a purpose for each individual and each nation. In the present age, He ~~is~~ is fulfilling His purpose, to call out a people for His name. Paul exclaimed, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God, how unsearchable are His judgements and His ways past finding out for who hath known the mind of the Lord, or who hath been His counsellor" Roman 11:33-34. Christian hope is therefore (not an isolated future) that is detached from the past, but from our point of view, in times, is that part of the purpose of God which is yet unfulfilled Christian hope as it is presented in the scripture was never intended to be a distant expectation with no relevance or elegance to the present state, in fact, the great prophecies on the scriptures. Contribute to the fact that people in the present black hour in the midst of sin have the possibility of this hope and assurance, The present is always interpreted

in light of the future, the sorrows and the trials of the present are relieved by this certain hope of deliverance is coming. The Christian hope purifies the heart.

This is real hope and this is a necessary ~~sermon~~ needful doctrine of this hour. I read of a fashionable minister once who started a sermon by saying "I am no theologian, I am no dogmatist, I have no doctrine, I merely want to comfort you about a practical problem in your life and you don't need any doctrine for that". Now he was not apologizing for such words in deed He was proud of them and he even felt that he was being clever and of course, some of the members of his congregation were delighted. That's why they came to church every Sunday, strangely enough. They called him "doctor", which is a title we know that comes from the same Latin root as the word "doctrine". Imagine a doctor without a doctrine. That would be like a physician without science or a lawyer without a law or a politician without principles. But we are grateful that we have this doctrine of the hope which satisfies the hunger of the heart. Think of what this hope holds out to us. Beloved, now are we the Sons of God and it does 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, I John 3:2 What encouragement this promise yields. It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when we consider

our lives, we are apt to become discouraged. This hope seals our promise for us.

The return of Christ is likewise the event upon which hangs the expiations of the fulfillment of the promise. To Abraham, God gave the extinctive promises, that He would make of his seed a great nation, that He would bless Israel, These promises were given and confirmed through the Old Testament development.

The general burth of the return of the Lord is supremely the hope of the Church and of the hungry heart. It constitutes the climax and the consumation of the devine program throughx the ages. The hour ~~is~~ is coming in the which all that are in the grave shall hear His voice and shall come forth. They that have done good under the resurrection of life they that have done evil unton the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28-29.

The doctrine of the resurrection of saints is given comprehensive treatment in I Corinthians 15. The great truth is presented, that Christ Himself arose from the dead and became the ground for the hope of the resurrection of all men He was raised 3 days after His death and became the first fruit. The resurrection of the saints is specifically given in I Cor. 15:23.

Considerable attention in I Cor. 15 is given to the

the cross has gone right down to the citadel of your heart a moment when you have laid you life down at the Master's feet so that you are His forever. This is what it means to be saved.

... rebellion against the whole principle of Calvary. Yours are not... This is how a soul is lost... By laying at the feet of Jesus Christ his right to his own way, his own ambitions, his own independence... There was a spirit of somewhat contentment, but he was wrapped up in getting the whole world for himself... but now that his soul was at stake, there was a question that he would have asked, Am I a Christian? Are you a Christian tonight? Now don't answer this question lightly, Yoway, I've been a church member for 50 years, of course, I am a Christian. Don't answer easily by saying, I believe everything that the Bible says about Jesus, of course, I'm a Christian. Don't say, I've been brought up in a Christian home and have been taught the right things and now I am in college, I am studying to be a missionary. I am going to Christian training. Therefore, I am a Christian. None of these things can make you a Christian. The simple basic issue that I present of every-

the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things, Phillipians 3:20-21. It is appointed ~~to~~ the natural,

normal course of all men in Hebrews 9:27 to die and then the judgement. Both those who meet God' through death and resurrection and those saints who are translated without seeing death are subject to divine judgement. That has to do with reward for their service. Future judgements are primarily related to works in the case of those who are not saved as well as for the saints. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ that everyone may receive the things done in his body according to that he hath done whether it be good or bad. Every man's works shall be made manifest for the day shall declare it because in shall be revealed by fire. The fire shall try every man's work of sort it is. As we come back to our friend who was talking to his soul, we might have referred him to Mark 8:36. What shall it profit a man

if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Christ's question without an answer. Just suppose that you gain the whole world, every bit of it. What will it profit you? if in the getting you lose your own soul?

That brings us to a new problem this man faced. How is the soul saved? He that saveth his life shall lose it, He that loseth his life for mysake and the gospel's shall save it.

Now this does not mean that a man is saved because he ~~is~~

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volunteers to go to the mission field. ~~N r is it~~ it a cheap decision for Christ. It is not simply belief in certain facts about God. To be saved means that in your own will and in your own heart you are saying to Christ, Lord, I understand that, thou didst come to save me and that thou didst lay down thy life for my sake in order that I might be saved from sin and ~~redeemed~~ redeemed unto God because this ~~tremendous~~ tremendous love is calling for response I cannot simply go on listing with a hungry heart and seeking to please myself with no real purpose. I see that to be saved means the end of having my own way and following my own wishes.

How many people just say, I don't feel led to do this., I don't feel led to do that, It's going to cost me too much, it's too hard, it's so convenient to be led like that, simply the new Birth is laying life down at the feet of Jesus. Have you ever faced that? Have you really been through that experience in your heart?

Yes, you believe that correct things about Christ, you read perhaps some scripture, you may say your prayers, all that you believe about the gospel ~~which~~ which with your head is correct that Jesus is Christ and yet in your heart the matter of experinece and application and you are still saying no to the Lord and to the Cross and to the principle, not your way but His. You are still saying that you want to run your own

future, choose your own friends, make your own marriage, you want all this for yourself.

You know there are ~~lots~~ lots of us who believe right but we live wrongly. Deep down in our souls there is a spirit of rebellion against the whole principle of Calvary. You are not yet a Christian if this be true. This is how a soul is lost. But how is a man's soul to be saved. By laying at the feet of Jesus Christ his right to his own way, his own ambitions, his own independence. Here was a peril that this man should have avoided. There was a spirit of somewhat contentment, but he was wrapped up in getting the whole world for himself.

But now that his soul was at stake, there was a question that he could have asked, Am I a Christian? Are you a Christian tonight? Now don't answer this question lightly. You say, I've been a church member for 20 years, of course, I am a Christian. Don't answer easily by saying, I believe everything that the Bible says about Jesus, of course, I'm a Christian. Don't say, I've been brought up in a Christian home and have been taught the right things and now I am in college, I am studying to be a missionary. I am going to Christian training. Therefore, I am a Christian. None of these things can make you a Christian. The simple basic issue that I present to every

one of you is this, has there been... the power of