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## **“Plowing in Hope”**

**“...Because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope...” (1 Corinthians 9:10)**

### **Preferred Hope**

**1 Peter 1:3-5 – <sup>3</sup> “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”**

**Psalm 17:13-15 – <sup>13</sup> “Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him! Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, <sup>14</sup> from men by your hand, O LORD, from men of the world whose portion is in this life. You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children, and they leave their abundance to their infants. <sup>15</sup> As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.”**

### **Deferred Hope**

**Proverbs 13:12 – “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.”**

**Isaiah 49:3-4 – <sup>3</sup> “And he said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’ <sup>4</sup> But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.”**

## **The Hope Within**

**Colossians 1:27** – “To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

**Ephesians 1:13-14** – <sup>13</sup> “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

## **The Hope Ahead**

**Psalms 27:13-14** – <sup>13</sup> “I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! <sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!”

**2 Corinthians 1:10** – “He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.”

**Titus 2:13** – “Waiting (*prodechomai*) for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ”

**2 Peter 3:13** – “But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

## **Serving & Waiting**

**Luke 12:35-37** – <sup>35</sup> “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)