

# CHRIST IN YOU -- THE HOPE OF GLORY

-- Colossians 1:27

Two questions immediately come to mind concerning this Bible Verse --

**Question Number One -- IS "CHRIST IN YOU?" -- and --**

**Question Number Two -- WHAT IS "THE HOPE OF GLORY?"**

**The Answer to Question Number One** -- It is what the Bible refers to as being Saved, being Born Again, becoming a New Creature in Christ -- having a Personal Relationship with Him -- the Blessed Hope of Eternity in Heaven.

This may seem very strange to you if you have little or no knowledge of God's Word, the Bible -- OR -- IF the Bible is a book that you have known about -- BUT -- it has never really been read or taken seriously, or personally, by you.

The Bible is -- **"God's Instruction Book for Life"**

When you purchase a power tool or an appliance there is enclosed in the box an **"Instruction Book"** showing you the step-by-step method as to the proper use of that item along with Safety Warnings. Too often we open the package and use the item without first reading the instruction book -- and often mess it up.

So too -- God has given us His **"Instruction Book for Life"** -- the Bible -- for the proper use of this Precious Gift called LIFE -- and we go through years of our lives without the knowledge of proper care and use of that life -- often messing it up -- and then we miss the fullness of what God really has for us.

The Bible is actually very easy to understand -- so simple a young child can often grasp it -- and also so very easy to apply to every-day life -- with the result of a fuller, richer, more meaningful and satisfying life - - and Hope for the future.

**The Answer to Question Number Two** -- "The Hope of Glory" is the future life in Heaven with God and His Son Jesus Christ. A Life of Glory -- a Life free from sin and the pains, problems, and perplexities of this present day.

An old Gospel Hymn puts it this way -- *"This world is not my home -- I'm just a passin' through -- my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue."*

This present life is short -- 60, 70, or possibly 80 years, compared with endless Eternity -- BUT WHAT THEN?

Eternity is long -- in fact, forever -- never ending -- and we'll spend that time in one of two places according to God's Word -- either in Heaven (the place of Eternal Bliss) -- or in Hell (the place of eternal torment).

This is not merely Bible talk -- IT IS THE TRUTH! Jesus Himself said, *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life -- NO ONE comes to the Father except through Me"* (John 14:6).

There is a REAL Heaven and a REAL Hell -- *"It is appointed to man once to die, and after that the Judgment"* (Heb 9:27).

So, let's get back to the title of this article -- **"CHRIST IN YOU -- THE HOPE OF GLORY."** IF you have Christ in you then you have the Hope of Glory. IF you do not have a personal relationship with Christ, then you have NO hope.

*"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ -- and you will be Saved"* (Acts 16:31). *"Unless a man is Born Again he cannot see the Kingdom of God"* (John 3:3).

Take time RIGHT NOW to consider your position in Life and Eternity.

## **DON'T PUT IT OFF – DO IT NOW!**

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