

Hope for All

I. Hope is the Way God Sees the World

Jer 29.11 NIV For I **know** the **plans** I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans **to prosper** you and **not to harm** you, plans **to give you hope*** and a **future.†**

tiqvah - a cord, a rope, something to hold onto, eager expectation. †- the other side, the hidden potential

RESPONSE to Hope

II. Hope Opens the "Better Way"

In the Fullness of Time... In the Time of Christ, things were so messed up.

Religion as Law & Racism

Empire based on Fear & Death

Jesus Offers a **Better Strategy, Turns the SCRIPT upside down. There is a different way. I'm the WAY... follow me... a different way to be HUMAN**

Matt 5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

39 **But I say** to you, **Do not resist the one who is evil.** But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, **turn to him the other** also.

40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, **let him have** your cloak as well.

41 And if anyone **forces** you to go one mile, **go with him** two miles.

42 **Give** to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

- 43 “**You have heard** that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’
- 44 **But I say** to you, **Love your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be **sons of your Father who is in heaven**. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Love is but a song we sing
Fear's the way we die
You can make the mountains ring
Or make the angels cry
Know the Dove is on the wing
You need not know why

Hope is a Door.

1. **4 Sides of a Portal of Hope [SLIDE 1]**
 - a. **Honor [2] (relationship) threshold**
 - b. **Opportunity [3] (outlook) top piece**
 - c. **Productivity [4] (personal energy & fruitfulness)**
 - d. **Excellence [5] (commitment to character)**

Our assignment is the good work of changing the world.

2. Hope - A NEW SOCIAL & POLITICAL STRUCTURE

- a. **Relational** - tzedekah, justification, just as if there were no sin between us. Families. Children
- b. **Physical** - health, environmental healing
- c. **Emotional** - stabilized on the foundation of His care. He is the Shepherd and **there is no lack**.

How do we **rescue** people from debt and a lack mentality? Slavery & Victimhood ?

How do we lead them out of unforgiveness, envy, “comparison,” fear and into freedom, celebration, joyful gratitude, and LOVE.

Some of you have the **HOW!**

- d. **Mental** - Education. Shift from heart realities to cognitive reformation. Release of Creativity.
- e. **Spiritual** - Faith working by Love of God & Neighbor - Theosis. Sanctification. Participation. Communion

3. **Transformation** is our **purpose!**

We were created to be TRANSFORMERS!

Eph. 2:8 For by **grace** you have been **saved** through **faith**... it is **the gift of God**, ... 10 For we are his **workmanship**, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that **we should walk in them**.

III. Hope is Revolutionary. The Key of David

Heb 11:1 NKJ Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

AMP NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, **the title deed**) of the **things [we] hope for**, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

When we see something with our eyes, we are convinced it exists.

When the BELIEVER sees by FAITH, it comes into this realm.

Two systems crucified Jesus. Religion as Law; Empire based in Fear and Death.

Love the Hill and the HOPE that it has released.

Balcony - 45% increase, the classroom expansion,

IV. OVERFLOWING HOPE - next week a FAITH offering.

A. Balcony & Classrooms - enlarging for the Hope Center! Place for Encounter.

B. Allison Hill Renovation - food, skill training, parks, sidewalks?

Will we see the Possibilities, the New Hope Filled City, the New Heaven and New Earth, the New Balcony?

Rom 15.13 NIV May the God of hope **fill** you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the **power of the Holy Spirit**.

You have heard ... But I say