

Hope is Alive



Living Hope Is Life!

By Pastor Sabu Samuel

Peter says, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Pet. 1:3). When we accepted Jesus Christ as our personal saviour, we have a new family. This we call "Born Again" experience. In fact we have a new destiny to look forward to. Our life is transitioned from living for this world to living for Christ. We place our trust and faith in Christ Jesus, knowing that he is our living hope.

We as humans love to put our trust in people and the things of this world, (counselors, programs, entities, denominations, relationships etc). At the end of the day none of these things bring true satisfaction, all of this is temporal, placing your trust and hope in Christ is eternal. We are exhorted through (1 Peter 1:3-4) to put your hope in Christ because he is living. He is resurrected from the grave and sits at the right of the father interceding for us. Since he is alive, the hope we have in Christ is called "Living Hope" it goes beyond the grave. I would encourage all my readers to turn your eyes upon Jesus. This world is a transient, all things constantly change, nothing in this world is eternal. You might be facing an impossible situation, or standing in deep waters. Put your hope in Christ Jesus, you will never be ashamed. May the Lord enable you through the power of the Holy Spirit to live a life that is worthy of your calling.

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By Jessica Malayil

With Easter coming up, it is only fitting that we discuss this topic: **Hope is Alive**. But what does that mean? It means **Jesus Christ**. Now, follow along: in **1 Peter 1:3-4**, it says, *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.”* This verse not only mentions that Jesus is our hope but also emphasizes the fact that He is our **LIVING** hope. Though Jesus Christ died on the cross, our hope and faith did not. And as He continues to remain eternally in heaven, our hope in our living God will remain as well. It will never perish, spoil, or fade. He will always have a place waiting for us in heaven. If our hope is through His Son—**His living Son**—how much more alive should our hope be in Him? Speaking of hope, hope is not just a one-time thing; it's something we practice daily. Every day, we tend to our hope and faith to sustain it and let it grow to new heights. In the same way that you give a plant sustenance to grow and expand, we give our souls nourishment to grow in God.

This fits the first component of something that is alive: **sustenance**. The second component is **growth**. Though the growth of hope itself can't always be seen visually, the effect it has can. Oftentimes, you'll hear the saying, *“Love is not just a feeling, but an action.”* In a similar way, hope is not only defined by a feeling but also by the actions it compels you to take. As your faith and hope grow, the actions you take to display them become greater and more apparent—just like any living thing. The third component is **reproduction**. Now, hope is not a physical object, so we do not see it the same way we see a living organism. But that does not change the fact that hope has a great impact. Hope, like anything that is living, will reproduce, but it does so in a slightly different way. Hope spreads from person to person through the telling of the gospel and words of encouragement. This brings us to component number four. Hope does not remain static in every situation—it adapts. If you remember from 5th-grade science class, adaptation is how living things evolve to survive in different circumstances. Hope might be stronger at certain points than others, but it will always be there, strengthening itself and finding new ways to become more apparent in your life. There is no way you can look at this list and think to yourself that hope isn't alive. If this isn't enough to convince you, this list of verses should. Romans 5:5, Colossians 1:27, Hebrews 6:19, and many others speak to why hope is alive. Not all of these reasons could be included in this short passage, but I truly hope that this message has impacted your life in some way, shape, or form.

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 HOLY WEEK
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 MESSIAH
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Weekly Meetings		
Date	Time	Location
Monday	10:30 AM	@ Church
Tuesday	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Zoom
Friday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Zoom
Saturday	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	@ Church

Mark your Calendars		
Event	Date	Location
Special Meeting	April 3rd	Zoom
Prayer Meeting	April 4th	Church
Cottage Prayer	April 5th	Filji Residence
Bible Translation	April 26th	Church

Pray For Nations		
Country	Capital	Population est.
Paraguay	Asunción	462,241
Peru	Lima	11,283,787
Philippines	Manila	14,942,000
Poland	Warsaw	1,865,000
Portugal	Lisbon	545,142