Jesus, My Hope

Tony Mauck · Ephesians 1:18

INTRODUCTION

- It's all about convictions. Convictions first and foremost about Jesus Himself and confidence in the hope of your calling.
- I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of his calling.
- It's going to turn out exactly as God has told me. And that's the kind of confidence we need to have in God's message.

1 The Rock Solid Evidence for My Faith

1 John 1:1–3; 2 Peter 1; Acts 4:13

- No discovery has been found. No sinkhole has developed that has undermined our confidence in the truthfulness and reliability of this message.
- We have trustworthy eyewitness accounts of people who saw Jesus.
- What we have heard and what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld, and our hands handled concerning the word of life.
- We didn't follow cleverly devised tales. We are eyewitnesses of his majesty.
- You don't just call into question the historical nature of Jesus of Nazareth, but all of these men who are historical eyewitnesses who saw these events. This book is reliable.

2 Jesus Is the Only Solution

2 Timothy 1:10; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:12

- If you don't turn to Jesus as your hope, anything else that you might choose is terminal. It is short lived. It is inadequate in comparison and in promise.
- Whatever it is that is your passion, even if you reach your ultimate potential in that passion, ultimately that fades.
- No other name under heaven under which we can be saved, other than Jesus Christ.
- Without him, Paul describes in Ephesians 2 and verse 12, we are without hope and without God in the world.
- Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. That he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the scripture.
- We dealt in certainties, not question marks.

3 He Gives a New Identity, a New Self

Ephesians 5:1; Ephesians 5:18; Ephesians 6:11

- He gives us a new self, which we so desperately need in our journey of life. He changes us. We become God imitators.
- We walk in love, just as Christ did. And because we follow his precepts, we walk in wisdom just as he did.
- This new self is others oriented. Subject yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ.
- We're soldiers. Putting on the full armor of God.
- Hope fuels the whole thing. Undergirds the whole thing, compels the dawning, induces the proper arrangement of the armor.
- Every day is about placing our trust in Jesus, come what may, and displaying our confidence in God's word.

THE CHALLENGE

If you need to become a soldier in his army and embrace this new identity to which our one and only Savior calls us, we ask you and invite you to come as we stand and sing.

MY NOTES