

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

—Romans 15:13 ESV

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“Time and again in the course of Christian history it [Romans] has liberated the minds of men, brought them back to an understanding of the essential Gospel of Christ, and started spiritual revolutions.”

—F.F. Bruce

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“No further would I read nor had I any need, instantly at the end of this sentence a clear light flooded my heart and all the darkness of doubt vanished away.”

—Augustine of Hippo



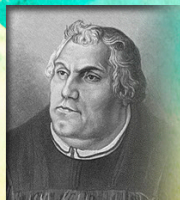
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For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

—Romans 1:17 ESV

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“Night and day I pondered until I grasped the truth that the righteousness of God is that righteousness whereby through grace and sheer mercy He justifies us by faith... Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise...”

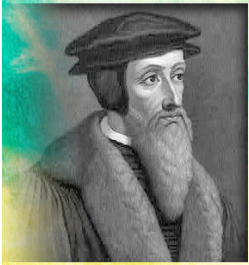


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“...the whole of Scripture took on a new meaning and whereas before the righteousness of God had filled me with hate, it now began to fill me inexpressibly with a sweet love. The passage of Paul became to me the gateway to heaven.”

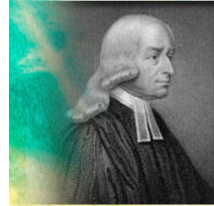
—Martin Luther

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“When anyone gains a knowledge of this Epistle (letter) he has an entrance opened to him to all the most hidden treasures of Scripture.” —John Calvin

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“My heart was strangely warmed... I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given to me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.” —John Wesley

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**“The probability is that every great spiritual revival in the church will be connected as effect and cause with a deeper understanding of this book.”
—Frederick Louis Godet**

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“It seems increasingly clear that the chief need of contemporary Christianity and of society in general in this confused and revolutionary time is an evangelical renaissance, by that I mean a rediscovery of the evangel, the gospel, in its full dimension of light and power together with the elevation of the gospel to the status that belongs to the gospel in the thought life and activity of all person and organizations that bear the name Christian. —Dr. John McKay

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¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead...

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Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷to all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. —Romans 1:1-7 ESV

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Our hope is rooted in and rises from the Gospel.

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“For many evangelicals the gospel has functioned solely as the entry rite into Christianity; it is the prayer we pray to begin the relationship with Jesus, the diving board off which we jump into the pool of Christianity.”

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“After we get into the pool, we get into the real stuff of Christianity: mastering principles for a good marriage; learning rules and regulations on how to behave; and figuring out if Kirk Cameron will be left behind... The gospel, however, is not just the diving board off which we jump... it is the pool itself.”

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“It is not only the way we begin in Christ; it is the way we grow in Christ... it is not the ABC’s of Christianity but the A-Z; not the first step but the stairway of truths... all other Christian virtues flow out of it... Whatever spiritual dysfunction you have in your life, the cure is the GOSPEL.” —J.D. Greer

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**Hope Rises From the Gospel Because...
It is Established on a Promise**

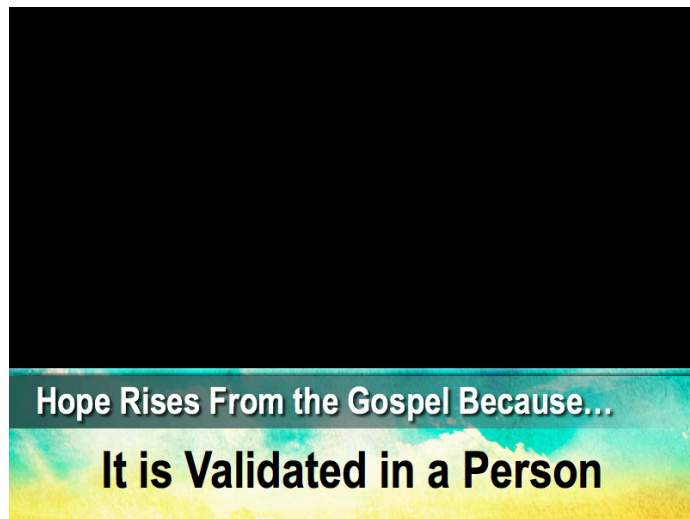
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...which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures... —Romans 1:2 ESV

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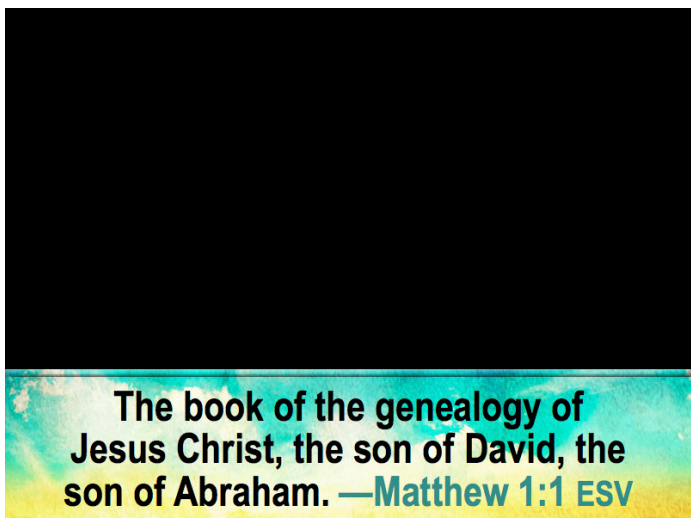
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Hope Rises From the Gospel Because...

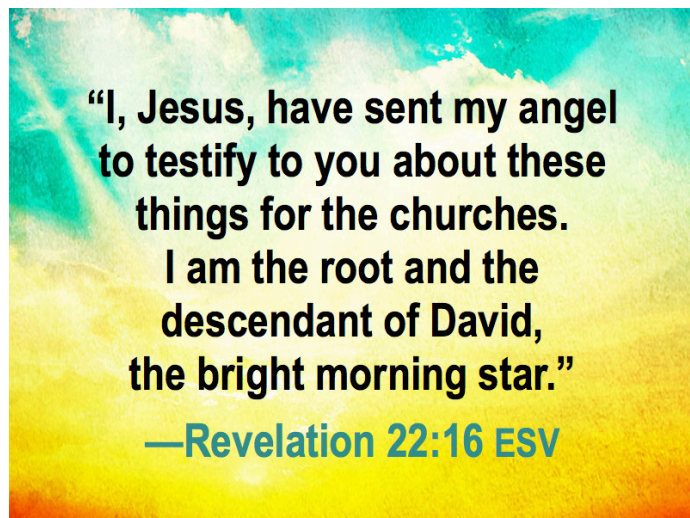
It is Validated in a Person

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The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. —Matthew 1:1 ESV

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“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches.

I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

—Revelation 22:16 ESV

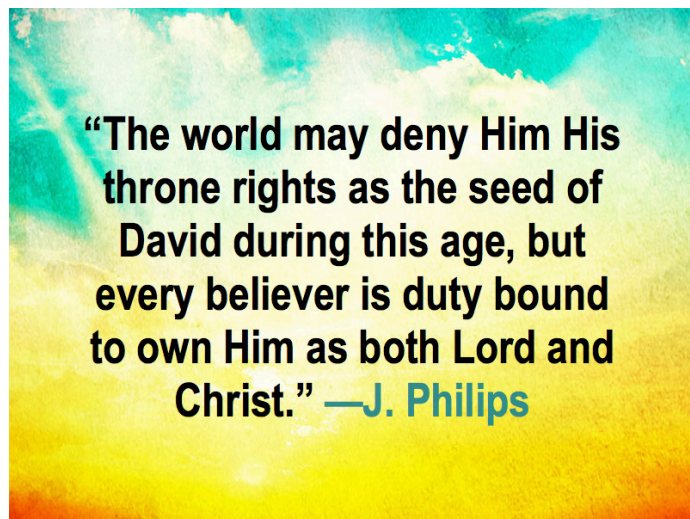
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Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

—Jeremiah 23:5 ESV

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“The world may deny Him His throne rights as the seed of David during this age, but every believer is duty bound to own Him as both Lord and Christ.” —J. Philips

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Hope Rises From the Gospel Because...

It is Authenticated With Power

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“The resurrection is not merely important to the historic Christian faith; without it, there would be no Christianity. It is the singular doctrine that elevates Christianity above all other world religions.”

—Adrian Rogers

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**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

—Edward Mote

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**O long and dark the stairs I trod;
With trembling feet to find my God
Gaining a foothold, bit by bit,
Then slipping back and losing it.**

**Never progressing, striving still
With weakening grasp and faltering will,
Bleeding to climb to God, while He
Serenely smiled, not noting me.**

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**Then came a certain time when I
Loosened my hold and fell thereby;
Down to the lowest step my fall,
As if I had not climbed at all.**

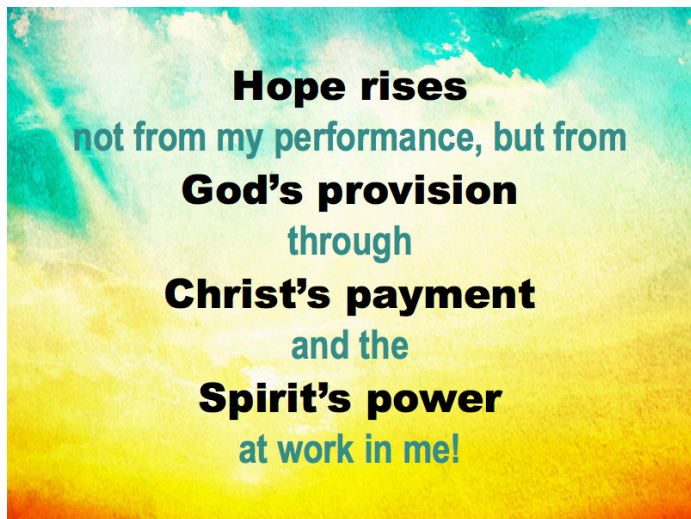
**Now when I lay despairing there,
Listen, a footfall on the stair,
On that same stair where I afraid,
Faltered and fell and lay dismayed.**

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**And lo, when hope had ceased to be,
My God came down the stairs to me!**

—Anonymous

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