THE UNBELIEVER HAS NO CHRIST -- NO HOPE - NO GOD - CONSIDER THESE "HOPE" VERSES

Webster: Hope "To Desire with Expectation of Fulfilment"- An Expectation & Anticipation of good based upon Gods Word

- 1. The Unsaved are Without Christ as their Personal Saviour, they are without Hope and Without God in the world: (Eph 2:12) That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
- 2. They are without the God of Hope (Rom 15:13) Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.
- 3. They do not have Christ in them. The Hope of Glory (Col 1:27) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
- 4. They have no Hope of Eternal Life, they are in a state of Eternal Death and Separation from God (Titus 1:1-3) Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; {2} In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; {3} But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;
- 5. Without Christ they have not availed themselves to the Hope of the Gospel of Christ (Col 1:23) If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;
- 6. They have No Hope and Comfort at Death. They cannot claim the Promise and Assuracne found in (1 Th 4:13-18) But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. {14} For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. {15} For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. {16} For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: {17} Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. {18} Wherefore comfort one another with these words.
- 7. They have no Full Assurance of Hope (Anticipation & Expectations of Present and Future Blessings) found in Christ and God's Word (Heb 6:9-12, v.11) {9} But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. {10} For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. {11} And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: {12} That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
- 8. They are spiritually dead without a Living Hope (1 Pet 1:3-5) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto <u>a lively hope</u> by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, {4} To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, {5} Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 9. They have no "Blessed Hope" (Titus 2:11-15) For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, {12} Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; {13} Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; {14} Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. {15} These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.
- 10. They have no Refuge, no strong Consolation, no Anchor of the Soul, No Sure and Steadfast Hope (Heb 6:17-19) Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: {18} That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: {19} Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS OUR HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE - (1 Tim 1:1) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope; (Titus 1:2) In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; (Titus 3:7) That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (The Creature and Creation has Hope of Redemption in Christ (Rom.8:18-24)

God wants us to Understand and Know about the Hope of His Calling: (Eph.1:13-14 Redemption, God's Purchased Possession, Security, Sealed by the Holy Spirit) (Eph 1:15-23, vs.17-18.)) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: {18} The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

OBSERVATION: For the Christian, Hope is is an anticipation and expectation of good things to to come based upon God's Word, Working, and Will for His People. Because of Christ's Death, Burial and Resurrection, the Child of God's future is Secure and Settled. Our hope is sure and steadfast (Heb 6:17-19) Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: {18} That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: {19} Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Notice how the word HOPE is connected to the Word of God, Scripture, Gospel: (Rom 15:4) For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (Col 1:3-6) We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, {4} Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, {5} For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; {6} Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: (Col 1:20-23) And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. {21} And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled {22} In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: {23} If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and he not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

The God of Hope wants us to abound in Hope through the Power of the Holy Spirit, fill us with joy and peace - (Rom 15:13) Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. (Gal 5:5) For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

We have an Everlasting Consolation and good Hope through Grace - (2 Th 2:16) Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

The Lord wants all of us to be able to give an answer to all about the Hope that is in us: (1 Pet 3:15) But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

The Resurrection of Christ gives us Assurance of our Salvation and Future Hope - (1 Pet 1:18-21) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; {19} But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: {20} Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, {21} Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Paul was called in question and persecuted by the Jews for "the Hope of the resurrection of the dead." (Acts 23:6) But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

We can Rejoice in Hope of the Glory of God because of God's Grace and our Salvation in Christ: (Rom 5:2) By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Read whole chapter – Man's Transgression, God's Condemnation, Justification)