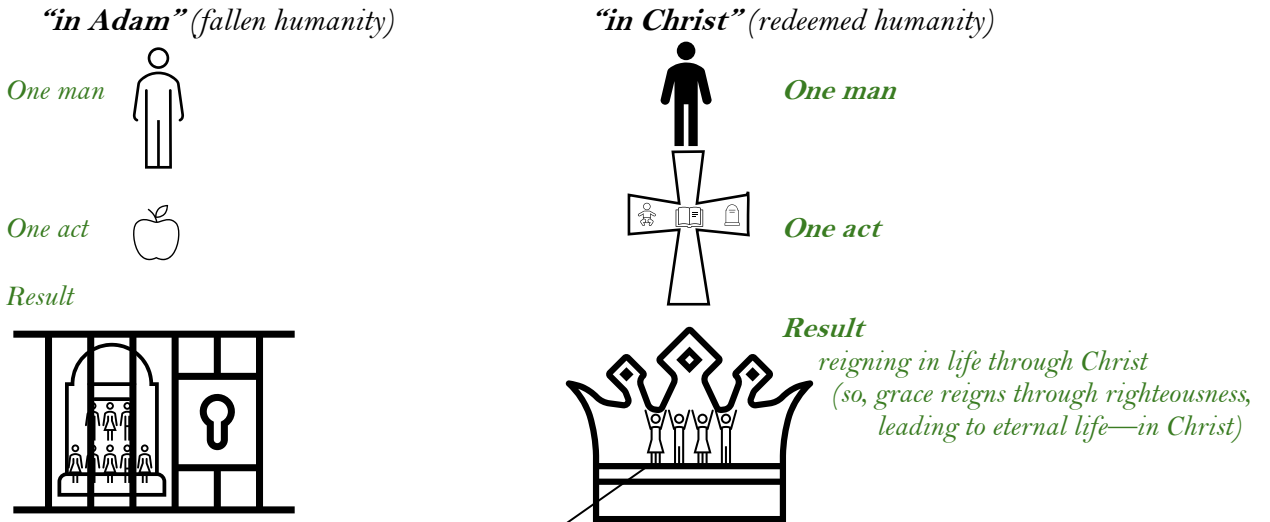


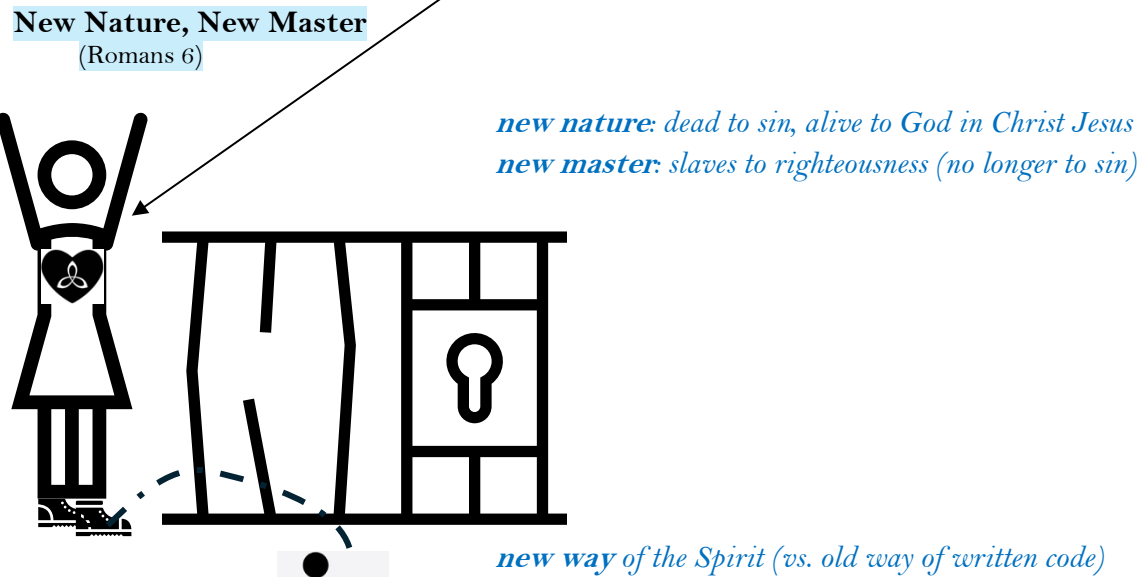
Synopsis: Romans 5:1-11

Justification
Already declared righteous before God, in Christ

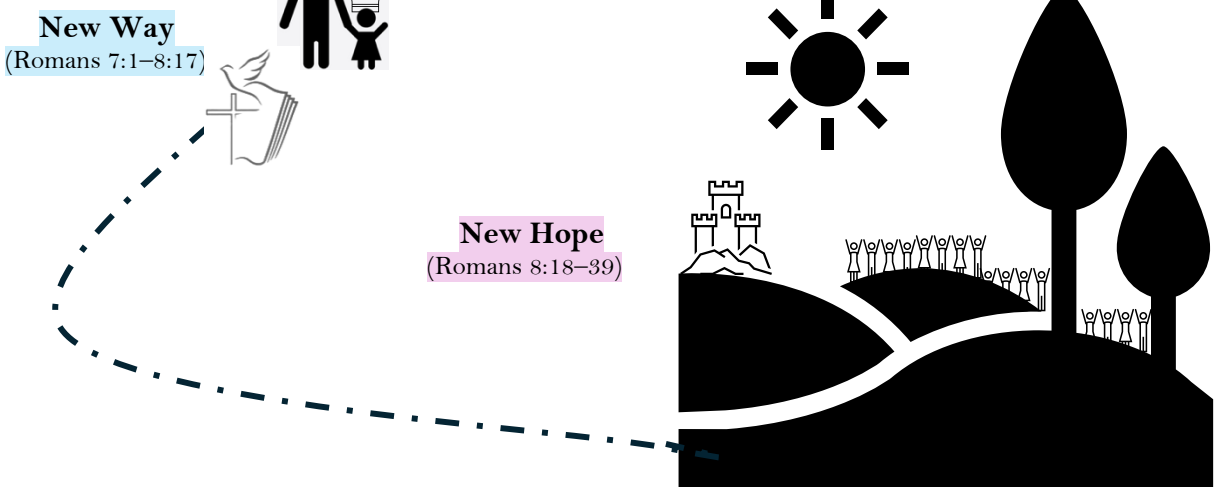
New Humanity
 (Romans 5:12-21)



Sanctification
Current being conformed into Christ's likeness by the Spirit, in Christ



Glorification
Will be perfected body and soul at Christ's coming for eternal life in new heavens and earth, in Christ



Why is hope essential to the Christian life?

1. Hope _____

Cf. Rom.12:12; 15:13; I Pet.1:3-9

2. Hope _____

Cf. Hebrews 12:1-7

3. Hope _____

Cf. Hebrews 6:19

4. Hope _____

Cf. I Thess.5:8; I Pet.1:13

5. Hope _____

Cf. I John 3:2,3

I. Our Hope is _____ (18-25)

A. _____ is awaiting _____ (18-22)

[18] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. [19] For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. [20] For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope [21] that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [22] For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

Cf. 2 Cor.4:17; Psalm 96:11-13; Isaiah 11:6-9; Revelation 21:3,4

B. _____ are awaiting _____ (23-25)

[23] And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24] For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25] But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Cf. I Corinthians 15:12-58; I Thessalonians 4:15-18; Philippians 3:20, 21

II. Our hope is _____ (26-30)

A. The Spirit _____ (26,27)

[26] Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27] And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

B. God's will _____ (28-30)

[28] And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. [29] For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. [30] And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Foreknowledge=>predestination=>calling=>justification=>glorification

Providence—Ps.33:10,11; Isaiah 46:8-11; Mal.3:6; Phil.1:6; Job 1;2; Isaiah 45:7; Lamentations 3:37; Acts 2:23

Westminster Confession of Faith, V.1

God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

Predestination

Cf. Proverbs 19:21; Rom.9:10-13; Eph 1:11

Westminster Confession of Faith, III.1

God, from all eternity, did, by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely, and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass: yet so, as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures; nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

III. Our Hope is _____ (31-39)

A. No one can _____ (31-34)

1. No one can _____ (31, 32)

[31] What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

2. No one can _____ (33)

[33] Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

3. No one can _____ (34)

[34] Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

B. Nothing can _____ (35-39)

[35a] *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*

1. Not our _____ (35b-37)

[35b] *Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?* [36] *As it is written,*

*“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

[37] *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

2. Not _____ (38,39)

[38] *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Our Advent Goal Together | Word-Filled Women

For each of us sisters of Second to **invite at least one person** presently without a gospel-centered church home to at least one of Second's Advent gatherings listed below.

Sunday, November 30 (AM & PM Worship)

- 8:15 & 11AM Worship Services
- 5–7PM | HANGING OF THE GREEN | All ages are invited to come from 5–6PM to help deck the halls with Christmas trees and other festive décor, enjoy cookie decorating, crafts, and games. Hors d'oeuvres will be served in the lobby outside the bookstore beginning at 5:30. Then we'll move to the Sanctuary at 6PM for a special worship service, led by our children's choirs, that ends with a live nativity outdoors. *Nursery drop off will begin at 5:45pm before the service.*

Wednesday, December 3 (Women in Ministry gathering; 10:30AM–12:00PM; C310)

- WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE | Second's sisters and their friends will gather to enjoy brunch, Christmas carols, and festive fellowship. The more the merrier! *There will be an online rsvp to let us know if you're coming and how many friends you're bringing with you.*

Sunday, December 7 (AM & PM Worship)

- 8:15 & 11AM Worship Services
- 6PM | FESTIVAL OF CAROLS | A festive service filled with joyful, sing-along settings of beloved carols at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary, led by the Chancel Choir and Children's Choirs, accompanied by a full orchestra. Then stick around after for a reception in the lobby outside the bookstore! *Nursery will be available for ages 5 and under.*

Sunday, December 14 (AM & PM Worship)

- 8:15 & 11AM Worship Services
- 6PM | SING HALLELUJAH! | An evening of Christmas worship at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary, led by our young adults, college students, True North youth, and Shine Ministry participants alongside Sunday night musicians and a string orchestra. *Nursery will be available for ages 5 and under.*

Sunday, December 21 (AM & PM Worship | PJ Party)

- 8:15 & 11AM Worship Services | NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
Based on the original service held on Christmas Eve in 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, our 8:15 and 11:00AM services will tell the story of Christ's redemption through Scripture reading and responses of carols, hymns, and choral music. *Nursery will be available for ages 5 and under at the 8:15AM service.*
- 4:30PM | CHRISTMAS PJ PARTY | At 4:30PM in the Fellowship Hall, kids come dressed in their favorite pajamas to sing songs, hear the Christmas story, and play fun family competitions! Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Worship will follow at 6PM in the Sanctuary. *Nursery drop off will begin at 5:45PM before the service.*
- 6PM | A GOSPEL CHRISTMAS | Communion will be served, and our Sunday Night Worship Team will present a gospel rendition of many favorite Christmas songs at 6PM in the Sanctuary. *Nursery will be available for ages 5 and under.*

Tuesday, December 24 | Christmas Eve Worship Services

- 4:00PM | Family Service | *Nursery available for ages 2 and under; no registration required.*
- 5:30, 8:00 & 11:00PM | Candlelight Communion Services | *Nursery available for ages 5 and under at the 5:30PM service only; no registration required.*

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”