



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

T O D A Y ' S M E S S A G E

BE AMAZED...

By HOPE IN THE FURNACE!

DANIEL 3

Verse 19 (p 1267 in the new pew Bibles)

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual

Verse 20

²⁰ and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹ So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²² The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,

²³ and these three men, (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.



Verse 24

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

²⁵ He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

Verse 26

²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷ and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Verse 28

²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way."

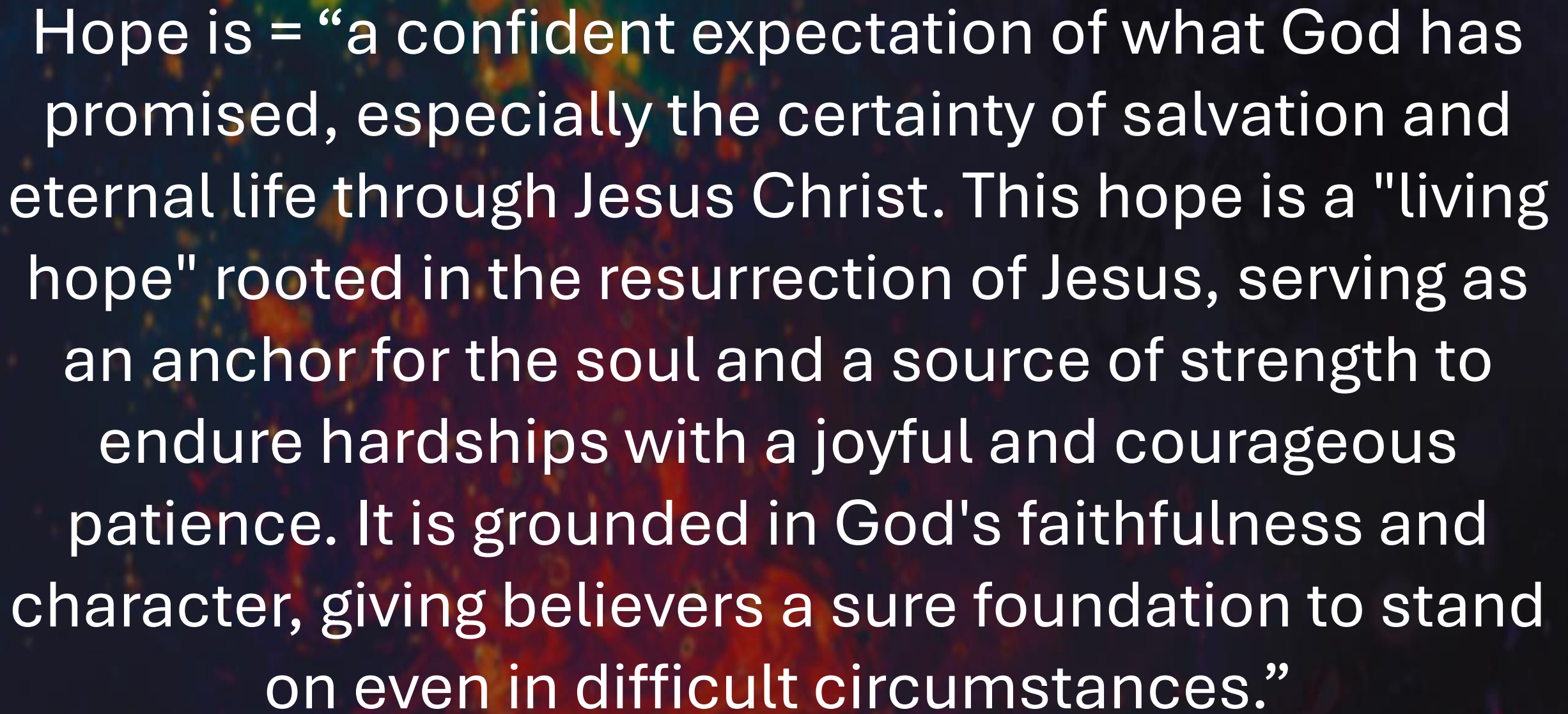


Quiet Strength Drawn from

Prayer

The Word

Our Hope



Hope is = “a confident expectation of what God has promised, especially the certainty of salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ. This hope is a "living hope" rooted in the resurrection of Jesus, serving as an anchor for the soul and a source of strength to endure hardships with a joyful and courageous patience. It is grounded in God's faithfulness and character, giving believers a sure foundation to stand on even in difficult circumstances.”



GOD BLESS

See You Next Week!