

In His Name We Put Our Hope

Matthew 12:15-21 (P. 971 in the pew Bible) Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all 16 and ordered them not to make him known. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: 18 “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. 19 He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; 20 a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; 21 and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

1. Why do you follow Him?

a. He has been revealed to you in His mighty power.

Acts 2:22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

b. He has been revealed to you as the promised Servant of the Lord..

-In this Beloved One the Father is well pleased.

Matthew 3:16-17 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him... 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

-The Holy Spirit is in him. (What does that mean?)

Matthew 3:16 ...and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him...
Luke 4:1 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, ... and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness to be tempted...
Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news...

c. He is not a quarreler or noisy complainer. What a heart!

Matthew 27:12-14 But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. 13 Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” 14 But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

d. He is tender and gentle with the "bruised reed and the smoldering wick."

Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

e. He will bring justice to victory!

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

2. Why is your hope in him?

Matthew 12:21 and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

a. His name is the name above every name.

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

b. He is the God of hope who fills you with joy and peace as you trust in him.

Romans 15:13 (NIV) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 6:18-20 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. 19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

– When the sun is shining down on me.

– On the road marked with suffering.

c. There will be a time when the command NOT to make Jesus known will be withdrawn. That time is now.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Psalm 34:3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

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