



## Christ Our Hope

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The Bible's definition of "hope" is assured confidence. It is confidence built upon the person and promises of Jesus Christ!

**Hebrews 6:13-19** *For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, <sup>14</sup> saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." <sup>15</sup> And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. <sup>16</sup> For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. <sup>17</sup> Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, <sup>18</sup> that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. <sup>19</sup> This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, <sup>20</sup> where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*

### **Two Important Lessons:**

1. It is essential to know that not all the Bible was written "to us," but all the Bible was written, "for us." (Re: 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. God is never late or early on His promises.

**Hebrews 7:1-4** *For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, <sup>2</sup> to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," <sup>3</sup> without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. <sup>4</sup> Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.*

Regarding the mystery of Melchizedek, the answer could be as simple as the meaning of no father, no mother. "Without genealogy" referred to no lineage or legacy within the Levitical priesthood.

A superior priesthood was necessary due to the imperfect priesthood through Aaron. Jesus' role as High Priest is perfect and permanent.

**Hebrews 7:11-28** *Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? <sup>12</sup> For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. <sup>13</sup> For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. <sup>14</sup> For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. <sup>15</sup> And it*

is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest <sup>16</sup> who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

<sup>17</sup> For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." <sup>18</sup> For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, <sup>19</sup> for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. <sup>20</sup> And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath <sup>21</sup> (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: "The LORD has sworn And will not relent, 'You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek' " <sup>22</sup> by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. <sup>23</sup> Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. <sup>24</sup> But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. <sup>25</sup> Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup> **For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;** <sup>27</sup> **who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.** <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

### **Communion:**

All five senses are used in Communion - taste, sight, smell, hear, and touch.

Three tenses are used...

1. The past – adoration for what Christ has done for us
2. The present – examination of our walk with Christ
3. The future – anticipation of the return of Christ

**1 Corinthians 11:27-32** Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. <sup>30</sup> For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. <sup>31</sup> For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

**Psalms 139:23-24** Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my thoughts; <sup>24</sup> And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

**1 John 1:8-2:1** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>25</sup> In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.