

# "Hope-full!"

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### A. Who is Jesus?

1. He is our **one** and **only** hope.

## Colossians 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup>See to it that there is no one who takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception in accordance with human tradition, in accordance with the elementary principles of the world, rather than in accordance with Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, <sup>10</sup>and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over every ruler and authority;

### B. Who is Jesus? He is God our,

1. **Savior**
2. Anointed **King** and **Redeemer**
3. **Lord** and **Master**
4. **High Priest**

## Hebrews 6:19-20

<sup>19</sup>This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and reliable and one which enters within the veil, <sup>20</sup>where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

## Hebrews 7:23-25

<sup>23</sup>The *former* priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing; <sup>24</sup>Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. <sup>25</sup>Therefore He is also able to save forever those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

C. Our hope-fullness is found in Jesus alone.

1. Watch out for superstitious speculation.

**Acts 20:17-21**

<sup>17</sup> From Miletus he sent *word* to Ephesus and called to himself the elders of the church. <sup>18</sup> And when they came to him, he said to them, “You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, <sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup> how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was beneficial, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Acts 20:28-30**

<sup>28</sup> Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things to draw away the disciples after them.

Warren Wiersbe – *False teachers have no good news for lost sinners. They seek instead to lead Christians astray and capture them for their own causes.*

**I Timothy 1:3-4**

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2. Watch out for twisted teaching.

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D. Our hope-fullness is found in a transforming relationship with Jesus.

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