

Do you believe that you are going to Heaven? This of course is the ultimate hope but it does not sustain us here on Earth until we find the hope that is buried in Jesus!

### **Jesus IS Here with Hope!**

What is it that drags us into the greatest depths we have ever known? What is it that will put us into situations that we cannot get out of? What is it that drives us into the arms of a stranger that we will regret later? What is it that draws us to all manner of people, places and things that in the end are never good for us? The perceived promise of HOPE!

Today we will discover the hope that we are looking for can only come from knowing Jesus! 'Jesus IS here with hope' that we can all receive but only if we want it bad enough. How can we know this hope that Jesus has to offer? Let us find out:

Genesis 1 says that in the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth. Romans 1:20 says that His invisible attributes, His eternal power and the Godhead have been clear therefore we have no excuse to not know He exists. Who is this God and how do we know Him? How do we get hope from something we know nothing about? John 1 says that the Word was with God and the Word was God and became Flesh and dwelt among us. What is this Word that dwells among us? It is the Word of God otherwise known as the Holy Bible! This is where we learn about this HOPE that Jesus has to offer.

Who can teach of this Hope?    Isaiah 54:13                      Hebrews 8:10

With Jesus as our teacher let us explore the three things that He wants to teach us today. He promises that when we walk out of here today we will **know** His hope! These three mysteries that Jesus wants us to learn will surely equip us with hope that is everlasting just as His Word is everlasting (Is 40:8; 1 Peter 1:25):

1. His Words are the truth and if we believe we will thirst for righteousness!
2. His Words are alive so if we allow them to breath on us we will have new life!
3. His Words speak and if we have ears to hear we will be transformed!

### **Believe its Truth; Thirsting for Righteousness!**

We learn in Hebrews 1 that God in the latter times has spoken through the prophets but now He is speaking to us through His Son Jesus the Christ (Hebrews 1:1) who told us in John 14:6 that He is the Truth.

What truths have we established so far?

God created the earth in the beginning! There is the Word and the Word was with God and is God. The Word became flesh and His name is Jesus! Jesus said He is the Truth and since He also is the Word this establishes that the Word is the Truth. This book is the Word from God!

Do you believe that this book is the Truth?

How does that make us thirst for righteousness? Let us first define thirst: Matthew 7:7

Ask for?

Seek after?

Knock on?

Jesus said on the Sermon on the Mount, blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. For yours is the Kingdom of God (Matthew 5:6). Then another time He said that we should seek the Kingdom of God first and all that we need (clothes, food and shelter) shall also be given to us (Matthew 6:33). Then to top it all off He said in Matthew 13:43 that the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father.

List the righteous people in the Word.

Old Testament

New Testament

How did these people come to be called righteous? Can we call ourselves righteous? Are we thirsting after Righteousness?

Knowing the truth and believing it causes us to want more truth to believe which causes us to thirst for what comes from knowing truth. Righteousness comes from knowing truth! He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous (1 Jn 3:7). Proverbs 12:34 says in the way of righteousness is life and in its pathway there is no death!

### **Breath of Life; A New Life**

As we have already discovered the first man had life breathed into him by God! (Gen 2:7) It is 'life' that God wants to breath into us, a life filled with abundance (Jn 10:10). Adam had eternal life with God but Adam and Eve allowed the thief to come and steal their eternal life with his lies bringing upon everyone death. If we are thirsting for righteousness the devil will come at us with lies because he does not want us to have God's life breathed into us! Jesus came that we would have this breath of life and have it to abundance. Let us discover how the Word is alive and can produce this new life Jesus wants us to have:

We know so far that the Word is truth spoken by Jesus so how does Adam fit into this whole picture? 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

If sin made Adam and Eve die it will surely kill us as well. No man who has the breath of life in him should continue in sin (1 Jn 3:6) because the Lord calls us to live!

How does the Word become alive for us? Hebrews 4:12, John 6:63

We can feel that the Word is alive when we read it because it cuts us like a knife when we are sinning (if we are thirsting for righteousness) and it makes us feel good when we are becoming alive. We know this is happening because every breath we take we can feel the old life dropping off so the new one can overtake it.

How can that be? Romans 6:4; 2 Corinthians 5:15

Where does this newness of life come from? Our own power?

John 20:21-22, Romans 8:23

We have believed that the Word is truth and have begun thirsting for righteousness because of that belief. Now we understand that the Word is alive and it gives us new life. For us to continue in sin would impede this new life. Psalm 97:10 says let those who love the Lord hate evil. We have established that the Word is God! Lord is God! Evil aside let us take the first fruits of the Spirit and let Him push our old life out and create a new life in us! With each breathe He takes let us breath this new life in.

### **He Speaks; We Hear; Tada, Transformed!**

The Word of God is truth and it is alive leading us to righteousness and a new life with the Spirit inside us to commune with Jesus! Jesus speaks to us through the Words in the Holy Bible. All humans were created with the spoken word in the physical image of God (Gen 1:27) so this new life is meant to transform us into the Spiritual image of God if we allow the Word to speak to us!

How much do you believe that the Word speaks to us? 1-10

The difficult matter between speaking and transformation is hearing. The writers of the four Gospels tell us that Jesus said the Words ‘those who have ears to hear let him hear’ at the very least eight times in the NKJV. When we believe, we are given ears to hear from Jesus (Is. 35:4-5) therefore He can speak to us solely because we believe.

If hearing is the difficult matter let us define what the Word means by hear.

Since we have established our new life is given to us through the Holy Spirit we can now establish to hear the Holy Spirit or any Spiritual leadings we must have Spiritual ears.

What do we have to do to obtain Spiritual hearing? Proverbs 2:1-5

Don't we just wish that we could listen and learn everything the first time but Jesus repeats over and over that we need ears to hear? Unless we incline our ear constantly we will never hear all of the Spiritual things He wants us to hear therefore we will not see transformation. Transformation is a gradual works that takes time based on how well we incline our ear and if we continue to incline our ear. I can tell you from experience that transformation is not always pretty. Some people's transformations at the beginning are amazing and nothing short of a miracle but mine was nothing short of death! What does transformation look like? I am glad you asked:

2 Corinthians 5:17 is the start –

Romans 12:12 is the parameters –

2 Corinthians 3:18 is the process –

Galatians 2:20 is the goal –

The thought of this transformation may bring a grateful tear to someone's eye but may also cause someone to cringe. Each person's Spirit story is different. It is this transformation that holds a lot of people back from following Jesus. Let that not be with us! Let us not conform to this world but be transformed by hearing the Spirit when He speaks!

## **Conclusion**

There is proof in the Word of God that we can obtain a hope that will endure! It just takes a little bit of hope to bring us more hope and before we know it we are living solely by the hope of the Word.

*1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to **a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

We have the hope of Heaven and it definitely is a relief to know this but we are to live on this earth day in and day out with people who are corruptible and have even worse flaws than us! If we believe the truth and walk in righteousness our hope will be incorruptible! If we allow the Word to breathe on us we will have life and hope will be weaved throughout our life. If we let the Word speak to us we will be transformed and our hope will embody us.

**Action 'til we Meet Again!**

We have learned today that the Word of God is the Truth so we need to use it to seek out truth. We learned that it is alive so we need to use it to seek life. We have learned that it speaks to us herein lies our action plan for the next two months.

Use the Word of God to problem solve throughout the next two months!

- ◆ Any problems you encounter go to the Word first for answers. Pray and petition God to show you exactly what is going on and how to solve it.
- ◆ If you cannot solve it then talk to Biblically minded people and ask for verses that will help you solve this problem without telling them the whole problem.

I know how hard this is going to be so you can email me any time. I am walking the same walk as you and will be doing the same thing as you. We will do this life together ladies and we will do Hope together too!

Quiet Hope Ministry thanks you very much for attending this Jesus IS Here encounter. Be sure to stay updated with what we are doing by visiting our website

[www.thelifeskillsstrategist.com](http://www.thelifeskillsstrategist.com)

Our next Jesus IS Here encounter is June 20<sup>th</sup> but you don't have to wait that long you can join us for our Thursday night Bible study in LaSalle. We are studying His Women in Our World.

Yeshua Shammah Events are events that we will happily come and assist for the sole purpose of serving women. To schedule a Yeshua Shammah event please contact Kathleen Derbyshire at [Kathleen@thelifeskillsstrategist.com](mailto:Kathleen@thelifeskillsstrategist.com)

The Quiet Hope Ministry for Women has some prayer requests that will take a gathering of women to bring into fruition.

1. We pray that Jesus brings us women, not only to worship with us but also to serve with us.
2. We pray that Jesus brings us a woman who can stir the hearts of elderly women into love and good works! (Hebrews 10:24)
3. We pray for Rebekah who will stir up our youth and young women group when she returns from school in 2016.
4. We pray that Jesus will give us the information we need to serve the women of our community so they will not feel alone.

We pray that Jesus sends us to those who need us. We pray that He bring to us those who need us! Come Jesus, come!