

Canada: A Land of Hope

- Immigrants have come to Canada from all over the world because it offered Freedom and HOPE.
- Late 1800's- avg. 130,000 immigrants a yr. (1880 pop. 4.2 mil)
- 1913 – 400,000 - 5% of the population
- 1950 – 1980's avg. 150,000
- Hope was the motivating factor.
- This past Thursday the Supreme Court we are no longer the land of freedom we once were.
- It is a reminder of where our HOPE needs to lie

The Necessity Of Hope

“A person can live 40 days without food,
7 days without water,
a few minutes without air,
but he cannot live 1 second without hope”
Dostoyevsky said,

“Totally without HOPE one cannot live. To live without Hope is to cease to live. Hell is Hopelessness. It is no accident that above the entrance to Dante's Hell is the inscription,
“Leave behind all hope, You who enter here!”

Hope In Christ

- 1Pet.1:3-5 - ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a LIVING HOPE through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- God's desire is that we have a HOPE that is out of this world!
- Vs.3 God has been at work in our lives bringing us to point where we see the greatness of His Grace to us in Christ

Hope In Christ

- What is the basis of your HOPE? 3 things God has done!
- First basis of your Hope is NEW BIRTH. The Hope started in the birth. The new birth happens by being born again.
- The Hope wasn't there before the new birth. Eph.2:8-9
- Second, According to God's Great Mercy he has caused us to be born again to a living HOPE – 3. We don't deserve it.
- Third, Christ's resurrection. Through the resurrection of Jesus
- No resurrection, No New birth, No Hope
- What is your Hope resting on? Being Born again through His Mercy because of His Resurrection from the dead!

Hope In Christ

- Define: Mercy – Neg.- Not giving to someone the punishment they deserve to get.
- Positive – Giving someone more than you owe.
- What we deserve? Hell, death, separation from all that is God
- Through Christ's resurrection what did He give us? New Hope
- Rom.6:5 -“For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.”
- If we are born again, Christ's death is counted as my death and His resurrection as my resurrection, Eternal Life!

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- Col.3:3 – “For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” The indestructible life of Christ is now mine!
- How do we live that out? You go on a vacation and things do not go as you had planned...
- 1Pet.1:7 – “These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”
- Gold is refined by fire. Are you ready for the heat? Rev.7:9,14