

Our Hope is the Lord

Jesus Christ is Alive Indeed! We, as Christians, have looked forward to this Easter Sunday all year! It is the day that we celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection from the grave! He suffered and died for our sins and rose on the third day, just as the scriptures said (1Cor 15:4; Luke 24:46)! During this Holy Week, as we prayed and immersed ourselves in Pastor Matt's "Table Talk Devotionals", our hearts have gained new understandings of the significance of the foundation of our gospel. He is our hope! ***Who is Jesus Christ to you?***

Click [HERE](#) to Prepare your heart by listening to "Is He Worthy?":

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." (Rev 4:11)

We are eternally grateful that Your love, Lord Jesus, and the Father's love for us is unending! We celebrate this Easter, Jesus, and Your glorious resurrection and we pray You will show us the way to share Your love and the gospel with others!

"As the Father has loved Me (Jesus), so have I loved you. Abide in My love." (John 15:9)

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;" (John 11:25)

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom 5:8)

Jesus Christ, You are our "Hope" in this difficult time. We know, Lord, You will bring us and our families through these days and strengthen us to be Your Light!

". . . Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1Peter 1:3)

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Rom 12:12)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

Praise You, Lord Jesus for You are the "Light of the World" and the light that guides us!

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the 'Light of the World'. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:4)

Jesus Christ, You are my "Savior"! We give You eternal praise! We surrender everything to You for You are the way, the truth and the life!

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

"They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the 'Savior of the world'." (John 4:42)

Jesus, You are the "Lord of Lord" and "King of Kings"! We give you all the praise and glory for what you sacrificed for us!

"These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is 'Lord of Lords' and 'King of Kings', and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful." ([Rev. 17:14](#))

You are the "Bread of Life". We come to You knowing that You will sustain us in all ways during these days as we lean on You.

"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the 'Bread of Life'. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.'" ([John 6:35](#))

Lord, Jesus, we praise and thank You for You are always here for us and You are our "Intercessor" and "Advocate" with the Father.

". . . Christ Jesus is the One who died, but even more, has been raised, He also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us." ([Rom 8:34](#))

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." ([John 14:6](#))

"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin; we have an 'Advocate' with the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One." ([1John 2:1](#))

Lord, Jesus, during these days of change and trials, thank You for being the "Burden Bearer". Thank You that all Your children can come to You for rest.

"Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." ([Matt 11:28-30](#))

Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us our sins and those of our nation. We turn from those sins asking You, as the "Lamb of God" to hear our pleas and take away our sin!

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." ([2Chron 7:14](#))

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the 'Lamb of God', Who takes away the sin of the world!" ([John 1:29](#))

Lord, Jesus, Glory be to You! You are the "Good Shepherd" for You laid down Your life for me as unworthy as I am.

"I am the 'Good Shepherd'. The 'Good Shepherd' lays down his life for the sheep." ([John 10:11](#))

You, Christ, are the "Bridegroom". Prepare us now Lord, Jesus, to be the "Bride of Christ" that You need us to be for You.

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless." ([Eph 5:25-27](#))

"What gives me the most hope every day is God's grace; knowing that His grace is going to give me the strength for whatever I face, knowing that nothing is a surprise to God." -Rick Warren

Pray on your full divine armor of God (Eph 6:10-18) **every morning** and then pray thru Ps 91 for your family's protection.

Reach out **every day** (by phone, text, letter, or when social distancing) and ask someone:

- How can I pray for you? Then pray for and with them right then!
- While walking (with social distancing) pray "onsite with insight" for the people and things around you. Every prayer counts!
- Share this prayer guide with others by email or giving them our website info:
<https://www.burnthickory.com/prayer/>

Passover
April 8 – 16

As most of you are aware from the book of Exodus, *Passover* celebrates God freeing the Israelites from slavery and their exodus from Egypt 3,000+ years ago! God "passed over" the houses of the Jews during the 10th plague on the Egyptians. In remembrance of Passover, here are some suggestions for this year:

- Anoint the door entrances to our homes- on the top and both sides of the doorframe with oil. If you do not have anointing oil, just plain olive oil is fine.
- Take red ribbons and pin/tape to your door posts, as a symbol of the blood that was placed over the doors of the Israelites' homes for the 1st Passover. Let this be a sign to other that God is still able to deliver His people from any and everything. God LOVES us deeply! Jesus Christ is our HOPE!

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