

‘THAT BLESSED HOPE’
Titus 2:11-13 1 Peter 3:12-15

The very simple truth learned from these two passages of Scripture is that the Believer has a “blessed hope” within them and that this “Hope” is the Glorious Appearing of Christ. The word ‘*ELPIS*’ (*hope*) means, “*a favorable and confident expectation*”

This ‘hope’, this expectancy of the appearing of Christ is what John says keeps the saved person from being defiled by the world - 1 John 3:3

To those who are unsaved, the second coming of Christ can only cause fear. They have no hope!

His coming will bring sudden and sure judgment upon them and their sin.

Three reasons that the Second Coming of Christ is a “Blessed Hope” to the Believer:

1. Because They Will Go To Be With Him Forever:

Ill. - the reunion with a loved one after a long separation.

A. Christ promised that to us - John.14:1-4 & 17:24

B. Paul explained it to us - 1 Thess. 4:13-18

C. Being with Christ is the climax to all the Believer’s hope - 2 Thes.2:1

2. Because, At His Coming, The Believer Will Be Like Christ.

A. Here on earth it is the body (flesh) that is at war with and resists the Spirit
Romans 7:22

B. When He comes, the body of every saint will be made pure and dazzling bright with His Immortal Beauty. - 1 Cor. 15:51-58

C. Rev.21:5 -”...behold I make all things new...”

1) Now, we have power over the power of sin.

2) Then, we will be free from its presence.

3. Because We Are Inspired To Serve In Light Of That Blessed Hope:

Heb.12:1

A. The keynote of 1 Thess. Is hope

B. The keynote of 2 Thess. Is patience

C. The message of the two epistles is this...

I do not say the Christ is here, but that He is coming - wait ...serve,
patiently for Him - Psalm 36:7-9

If Christ were to come today, would you be glad ?

Would He find you faithful ?

Would you go to meet Him in the air ?

