

2020 Vision - Part 3  
The Hope of Glory  
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*Matt. 20:28 (NIV) "I am with you always," says Jesus, "to the very end of the age"*

*Col. 1:24-29(ESV) Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.*

Christ in you the hope of Glory:

1st) Has Been **REVEALED** to us.

*Col. 1:26 (ESV) the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.*

- It's no longer what goes on outside us, it's what happened inside us
- It's not about what we do, it's about what Jesus has done

*2 Cor. 5:17 (ESV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

What The Hope of Glory Reveals:

A) **RESIDENCE**

- The permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit given to New Testament believers was a "mystery" to the Old Testament saints.

*John 14:16-17 (MSG) I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can't take him in because it doesn't have eyes to see him, doesn't know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you!*

## TRUST Prayers -

### T: THANK YOU

Thank You, Holy Spirit, for coming to live in me. I love Your bright presence. You are the burning flame of the Father's love. Your presence renews my mind and transforms my heart. Thank You for never leaving me or forsaking me. I need You for everything I'm doing today, every situation I'm going to face. I can't do anything without You.

### R: RELEASE REVELATION

Release revelation, Holy Spirit. You are the revealer of truth. The Bible says it's only in Your light that I can see light. Shine Your light into my darkness today, and reveal God's heart and Word to me. As I read and meditate on Your truth, open the eyes of my understanding and show me great and mighty things that I don't know (Jeremiah 33:3).

### U: USE ME

Use me, Holy Spirit, to help others today. Let Your gifts and power flow through me. Make me a channel of Your love and not a reservoir. Speak through me today and communicate Your love to everyone I come in contact with.

### S: STRENGTHEN ME

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, rise up in me and strengthen my mind, will, and emotions with Your love and power. Be strong in my weakness. Bring glory to Jesus. Let Your love, and joy, and peace flow through me today.

### T: TEACH ME

Teach me, Holy Spirit, You are the great Teacher. Your wisdom and knowledge are unsearchable. You know the deepest things in the Father's heart. Teach me in every area of my life. Show me great and mighty things in Your Word. Help me to stay on the path You've set for me to walk. Teach me Your purposes for my life. I set my heart to receive Your instruction and obey.

## B) REDEMPTION

*Ephesians 4:30 (NIV) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

*Colossians 1:27 (Phillips) "The secret is simply this: Christ in you! Yes, Christ in you bringing with him the hope of all glorious things to come."*

## C) RESURRECTION

*Romans 8:11(ESV) "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you"*

2nd) Gives us **WISDOM**

*Col. 1:28a (ESV) Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom,*

- Wisdom is the ability to discern difference
- The difference in people
- The difference in situations
- Wisdom Is A “Who” More Than A “What”

*1 Cor. 1:24 (ESV) “Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”*

- Jesus is Wisdom.
- He is the Proverbs wrapped in flesh

*1 Corinthians 1:30–31 (ESV) And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’”*

- If you want wisdom read a proverb every day and apply it
- Wisdom is applied knowledge
- Wisdom is Christ-empowered skill to live for the glory of God.

My top 3 personal wisdom discoveries:

A) The Secret to your **SUCCESS** is in your daily routine

- Discipline builds Discipline
- Have a place to meet - Have a time to meet - Have a plan when you meet
- Create an atmosphere that keeps you motivated

*Psalm 16:11 (NIV) You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

- Prayer Bible Study
- Jen/Family
- Sermon work
- Business work
- Exercise

B) Learning to **DISCERN** the whisper of God will change your life

*Psalm 118:8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans.*

C) Be a continual **LEARNER**

*2 Peter 3:18 (NIV) But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

- Learn to discover
- Stay passionate!
- Learn what you love!
- Do what you love!

*1 Sam 17:34-35 (NIV) But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.*

3rd) Takes us to **MATURITY**.

*Col. 1:28B (ESV) that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*

- You wouldn’t be so disappointed in yourself if you didn’t think so highly of yourself
- The only people who ever get better are the ones who realize God loves them even if they don’t get better
- God isn’t in a hurry for you to grow

*Psalms 37:23-24 (NLT) The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.*

- Your spiritual growth is a process that will take your entire life
- The way to maturity is to change your thinking

*1 Cor. 14:20 (ESV) Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.*

Draw close to **JESUS**

*Acts 4:13 (NIV) When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.*