

Walking with Hope (Part 2): "A Godly Self-image"
(I Corinthians 13:13; I Peter 1:1-16; I Tim 1:1)

Truth: What God Says... Reality: What God Sees

Every Believer in Jesus Christ Is Born Again "to a Living Hope" – I Pet 1:3

- We do not reject what is "seen" but do reject the finality of what is seen – Jo 7:24; II Cor 4:18
...walking with hope is not for the passive, apathetic, lazy – I Pet 1:13-16
- The foundation of Christian hope is the promise of "No Separation" - Ps 23:4; Ro 8:35; Heb 13:5
...we are eternally joined to God's life – I Cor 6:17; Ro 8:11; Jo 17:20-24
...Christ in us (with us) is our ever-present hope – Col 1:27; I Tim 1:1
...every temporal moment is "pregnant" with eternal meaning/purpose – Rev 21:5; Jer 18:3
(Faith practices the "Holy But" ... Hope practices the "Holy Because" – "because Christ is in me")

Seeing What God Sees in His Children – I Jo 4:17

- To consistently walk with hope, we need a godly self-image – II Cor 5:17; Col 3:3,4
... "Will I say about me what God says about me?" – I Cor 15:10
... "Follow Me and I will make you _____" – Mk 1:17
- In Christ we are: co-crucified... co-raised... co-rected – Ro 6:1-11; Col 3:3-4
...we receive a supply of His Life for every need – II Pet 1:3,4; Col 2:9-10
...a healthy (Godly) self-image is not derived from self-esteem, but from Christ-esteem – Heb 3:1; I Jo 3:3

The Human Response: "I Am What God Says I Am!" – I Jo 3:1

(not what my past, my peers, my performance, my thinker, my feeler, the devil... say I am)

- God is issuing a command invitation to step into our new creation condition – II Cor 5:17; Eph 2:10; 4:24; Col 3:10; Ro 13:14
... "You have heard it said... but I say to you..." (see insert for starters!)
- Stand on the rock-solid truth, promises, and presence of Christ "our hope": - I Tim 1:1
...Holy, righteous, fully forgiven, perfectly loved, Christ-indwelt partakers of the Divine nature always have options,
are never without Hope! – Col 1:27