Hope of Eternal Life – A Call for Repentance

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1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began 3 and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior; 4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— 6 if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. 7 For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach.

9 He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it. 10 For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, 8 but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.

11 They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. 12 One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." 13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.

15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. 16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

The Point

Jesus Christ is our only hope for eternal life, and in response, we are called to repent, follow Him in truth, and live godly lives through the local church.



The Gift of Hope

- Hope is not a wish, but a promise.
- This hope is certain because it's founded on the trustworthiness of God.
- Jesus is the source of this eternal hope Eternal life comes only through Him.
- This hope is both personal & eternal.
- God's promise of life is not temporary but everlasting, starting now & continuing into eternity.

The Gift of Hope

- Our hope is not new or uncertain; it was part of God's eternal plan from the beginning.
- We live in the hope of eternal life now.
- Eternal life isn't just for the future; it's a present reality that gives us peace, purpose & endurance even in our senior years.

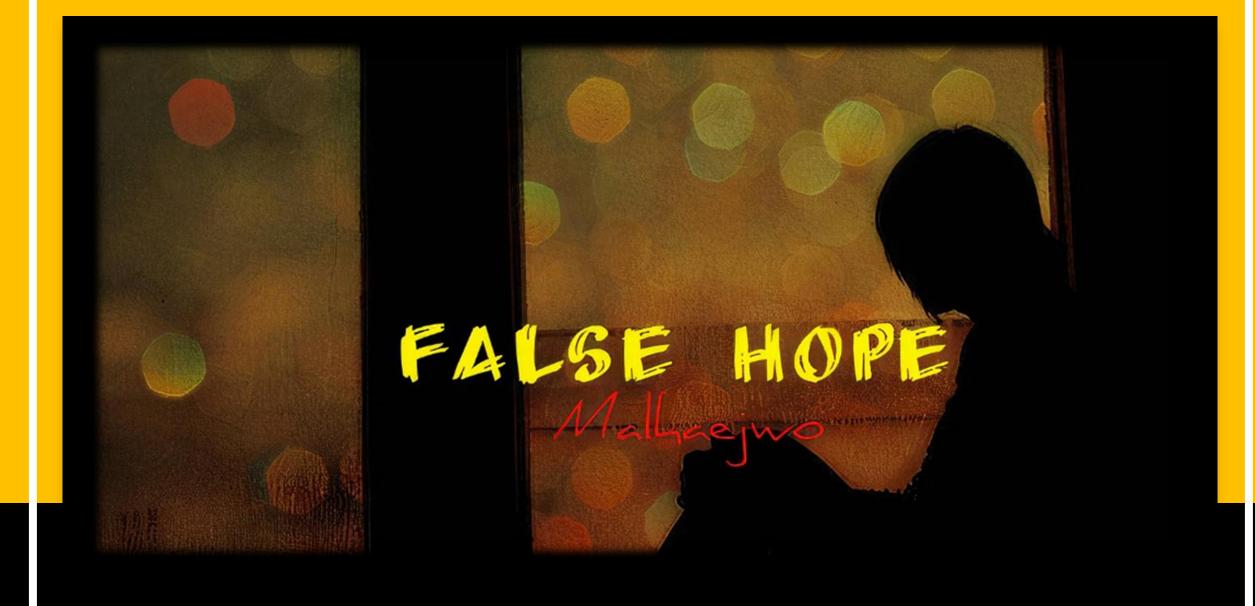


The Church is the People

- The church is God's plan to reach the world.
- The local church is how God spreads His truth.
- It is not a building but a people It's a family we belong to, a place to grow, serve & worship together.
- Church leaders must be faithful & holy.
- This includes integrity, self-control & sound teaching.
- The church must stand on the Word of God.

The Church is the People

- God's Word is the foundation.
- We all play a part in the church's mission Even in our later years, we can pray, encourage, share wisdom & support the work of the church.



False Hope

- False teachings & beliefs lead people astray In Crete, people followed myths & lies.
- Today, people also believe many things that don't lead to God.
- Repentance is a change of mind & heart It means turning away from sin & false hopes & turning toward Jesus as Savior & Lord.
- God calls us to live holy lives.

False Hope

- True faith shows in our actions.
- Repentance is not a one-time act, but a lifestyle.
- Even in our senior years, God calls us to faithfulness.
- There is no retirement from the call to repentance & gospel living.
- Our witness is still needed.

Practical Applications

- Reflect daily on the hope of eternal life—let it comfort & sustain you.
- Pray for missionaries & church planters around the world.
- Ask God each day to show you how to live for Him, even in small ways.
- Avoid gossip & focus on encouraging others in the community.

Practical Applications

- Read or listen to Scripture daily, anchoring your mind in truth.
- Offer wisdom & life experience to younger believers.
- Repent quickly when the Holy Spirit convicts you—stay spiritually fresh.

Discussion Questions

- What does the "hope of eternal life" mean to you personally at this stage of life?
- How have you experienced God's faithfulness throughout your years?
- Why is it important that the local church holds fast to God's Word?
- In what areas of your life might God be calling you to repentance or renewed purpose?

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