

**James Davis Educational/Library Memorial Fund ■ Eighteenth Year**

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As we PRESS forward into the second half of the James Davis Educational/Library Memorial Fund's eighteenth year, we continue with our 2021 annual theme: "VICTORY OVER EVIL, JESUS WILL REVEAL IT" series.

In one month we've seen the "stay at home" ordinance lifted in California. More and more people are getting the COVID-19 vaccines, venturing back to inside church services, back to inside work offices, school classrooms, and patronizing inside retail businesses. The world's "hope" seem to be "let's get our economy restarted" and celebrate our Independence holiday! A feeling that what is wanted will happen is in the air. Government leaders desire with expectation fulfillment of goals.

As we enjoy summer, Vacation Bible School, renovations, personal travel, this staff pauses to examine "HOPE" in this July's issue of JAMES DAVIS DOOR POST Newsletter.

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

From: JAMES DAVIS E.M.L. "DOOR POST" Newsletter Staff.

**WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE!"**

Financial Support is Urgently Needed!

Back contributions are welcomed.

**THE DOOR POST SCRIPTURE:**

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." (Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV).

**"THE MOTTO: "FAITH IT, 'TIL WE MAKE IT!"**



**THE DOOR POST James Davis EML Newsletter ■ Fourth Year**

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"HOPE:" from a biblical view is trustful expectation, particularly with references to the fulfillment of God's promise. This hope is the anticipation of a favorable outcome under God's guidance. More specifically, **hope** is the **confidence** that what God has done for us in the past guarantees our participation in what God **will do** in the future. This contracts to the world's definition of hope. [C Colossians 3:22-25 AMP].

**FOUNDATION OF HOPE!** God is the ultimate foundation [ground and object] of hope. How? Hope in God was generated by His mighty deeds in history. Why? By fulfilling His promises in the Old Testament [C Genesis 12: 1-3 AMPC]. He redeemed His people from bondage. God provided then as He does now, for our needs. He formed us into a covenant community and leads us to successful occupations [service]. These acts provide for a firm base for our confidence in God's continuing purposes for us. Even when we are unfaithful, hope is not lost. Because of God's faithfulness and mercy, we who return to Him can count on His help [C Mathew 3:6-7 NIV]. This help includes forgiveness [C 2 Chronicle 7:17; Psalm 86:5 AMP] as well as deliverance from enemies. This is why Jeremiah addressed God as the "Hope of Israel" and Its "Savior" in time of distress [C Jeremiah 14:8 NASB2020; cp. 14:22; 17:13 KJV].

**A COROLLARY:** [A proposition that follows from (and is often appended to) one already proved]. This simply means by putting one's hope in God, the person is refusing to place one's final confidence in the created order of things. All created things are weak, transient, and apt to fail. For this reason it is futile to vest ultimate hope in **wealth** [C Psalms 49:6-12, 52:7; Proverbs 11:28 NLT], **houses** [C Isaiah 32: 17-18], **princes** [C Psalm 146:3 AMP], **empires** and **armies** [C Isaiah 31: 1-3; 2 Kings 18:19-24] or even the **temple** (church) [C Jeremiah 7:17].

**GOD AND ONLY GOD:** is a **rock** that cannot be moved [C Deuteronomy 32: 4, 15, 18; Psalms 18:2, 62:2; Isaiah 26:4]; A **Refuge** and **Fortress** who provide ultimate security [C Psalms 14:6, 61:3, 73:28, 91:9]. An accurate summary of the Old Testament emphasis is found in [C Psalm 119:49-50].

**A SIGNIFICANT ASPECT:** of Old Testament **hope** is the expectation of a Messiah, an Anointed Ruler from David's Line.

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Deacon Aaron Waffer ■ Librarian

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NEW Article Deadline: 3rd Sundays.



SEEK KINGDOM VISION:  
"HOPE!"

Pastor Eugene Collins, III

- \* **Expectations** and **hope** of a future eternal home should grow out of the promise that God would establish the throne of David forever [C 2 Samuel 7:14 KJV].
- \* **David's** Successors were for the most part, disappointments. The direction of the nation moves away from the ideal biblical hope. The people hoped for a human son of David to fulfill the divine promise.
- \* **GOD** is the only source and object of hope.
- \* **Paul** writes: that it was "God who raises the dead" in whom "we have placed our hope" (2 Cor.1:9-10 HCSB). **Peter** tells his readers "your faith and hope are in God" (1 Peter 1:21 HCSB).

In the **New Testament** as in the **Old Testament**, God is the "God of hope" (Romans 15:13 KJV).

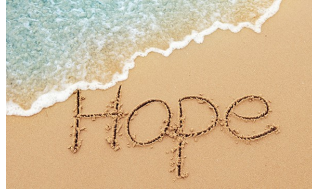
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# The Door Post



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

July Marriages!



## HOPE! "THE DOOR POST" Feature Article

**FUTURE OF HOPE:** The Bible affirms the sufficiency of Christ's redemptive work in God's past promises, it also points forward to Jesus' return in the future to complete God's purpose. Its major emphasis on hope centers on the second coming of Christ. The "**Blessed Hope**" of the church is "the appearing of Christ" (Titus 2:13 HCSB).

**ASSURANCE OF HOPE:** Believers live in hope for **two basic reasons**. 1). What God has done in Christ. Especially important is the emphasis the NT places on the resurrection by which Christ has defeated the power of sin and death. According to His great mercy, God has given us a new birth into a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" [C 1 Peter 1:3

HCSB]. 2). The indwelling of the Holy Spirit. "The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children" (Romans 8:16 NIV).

**CONFIDENT ENDURANCE!** Given the assurance of hope, we live in the present with confidence to face the future with courage. We can meet COVID-19, or any its variances, triumphantly because we know "that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character and proven character produces hope" (Romans 5:3-4 ESV).

**QUALITATIVE DIFFERENCE:** We therefore have certitude in Biblical hope that amounts to a qualitative difference from ordinary hope. Biblical hope is the gift of God. We have this hope, a sure and firm anchor of the soul [C Hebrews 6:19 AMPC].

**JESUS IS COMING BACK!**  
**THINK IMAGE:**  
**ESCHATOLOGY:** Pretribulationists believe Christ will be revealed at the outset of the tribulation period of seven years. **Midtribulationism**, on the other hand, believe that the Apocalypse divides the tribulation into two periods of three and one half each. **Other issues** debated by others studying eschatology is the issue of whether or not one may discern the return of Christ to happen in two segments: 1). For the church. 2). One to establish His kingdom. Still there are many other questions.

**CONCLUSION:** Eschatology has too often become a battlefield of contentions. The object of the information given in the Bible concerning eschatology seems to be not so much to provide every detail but rather to create **hope** and anticipation as the church looks for "the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ"  
**PONDER THIS IMAGE:**

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE:



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Minister Henry Powell 7/8.
- Deacon Aaron Lee Waffer 7/11.
- Deacon Cardell Moore 7/13.
- Mother Cora Willis 7/27.

**WHAT IF THE BIBLE IS RIGHT, NAMES NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE END UP IN THE LAKE OF FIRE [HELL]!**