

THE SPRING OF HOPE



There's wishful thinking, and then there's hope.

Two very different things.

Wishful thinking is based on what I wish could be, "if only....."

Hope is based on a promise that comes from the Spirit of God within.

The Lord Jesus describes it as a spring of water inside us "welling up to eternal life."

He creates this spring in all who draw near to him.

When you drink from this spring, your life is no longer driven by wishful thinking, but by hope.



You know that the City of God is awaiting your arrival.

There's a seat with your name on it at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

The love, joy, and peace which you now experience as you walk with the Lord, are only an early taste of what waits for you on the road ahead.



If the Lord Jesus has already opened this spring within you, don't neglect it.

Drink from it daily.

***"Why are you in despair, my soul? Why are you disturbed within me?
Hope in God! For I shall still praise him for the saving help of his presence."***

Psalm 42:5



If you haven't found this spring yet, ask for it.

For it is not a luxury, but essential to your life of faith.

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.***

Romans 15:13

Prayer: Lord, so many of us fill our hearts with wishful thinking only to be disappointed, to be cast down, and so disturbed. Oh Lord, fill us with hope instead. Draw us close, help us to drink from this wonderful spring. Forgive us if we have neglected it, help us to find you again, the God of hope, and to be filled with the joy and peace that believing in you can bring us ...no matter what circumstances surround us. Help us to see and hope in what you have for us now and in heaven, so we can let go of despair and hopelessness. May the power of your Holy Spirit propel us to continue to choose to dwell in your presence, so we can open wide and drink from the spring of hope. Amen.

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