

After Christ's resurrection from the dead and His ascension back to His Father in Heaven, the Father sent the Holy Spirit to earth to further accomplish His *Will* for our lives. (*St. Matthew 6:10*) God's operation in the earth is by the Holy Spirit. It involves three distinct, powerful things through Him: God's **Kingdom**, God's **Power** and God's **Glory**. (*Romans 14:17*) From Him proceeds God's Power through living words. The words work and produce things called Manifestations of God's glory. Health for our physical body appears from their work, Supernatural Increase also happens in our finances. These and other miraculous things are God's glory appearing to us. (*Psalms 90:16*) Uniquely, God's glory is designed to do two things for us: (1) give us victory over ordained challenges that we must face and overcome to enter His Kingdom (*Acts 14:22*) and (2) upon entering, give us blessings already prepared for us. (*Revelation 21:7*)

Christ is our Hope

Christ is the Living Word of God. He is our Hope of experiencing God's glory. (*Colossians 1:27*) He dwells inside our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Inside Him are exceeding great and precious Promises made to us by God. (*II Peter 1:4*) Through these Promises, God gives us hope of fulfilling them. **Reason:** God has obligated Himself to performing and fulfilling them. (*St. Luke 1:45*) When we hear and receive His Promises, His Power resident in them is what causes us to hope. Absolutely nothing is impossible for God to perform. (*St. Luke 1:37*) Further, it is totally impossible for Him to lie; He will perform exactly what He has Promised. (*Numbers 23:19*) These realities about Him build our hope of seeing His glory.

- **Relevant Scripture:** "Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou has caused me to hope." (*Psalms 119:49*)

Purpose of the Hope of Christ

We do not physically see manifestation of God's Promises the very moment that we receive knowledge of them. The knowledge must first work inside us through our thinking. By thinking, the Promises grow and mature in us. God fulfills them when He sees their maturity in us. To facilitate their maturity, we are to hold fast to the **vision** of them, not allowing our mind to drift from them to our challenging circumstances. This is hope at work.

If we could physically experience fulfillment of God's Promises the very moment that we receive them, we would not need hope. (*Romans 8:24*) Hope centers on things that God has Promised but are not yet seen. (*Psalms 90:16*) If we hope for those things, we must use the Strength that He gives us to obtain them: Patience to wait for them. (*Romans 8:25*) The Holy Spirit also works in our hearts giving us God's Strength of Peace over anxiety that comes with our challenges. He retrains our spirit from being fearful and anxious. (*Philippians 4:6-7*)

We are Conquerors through Christ

The Holy Spirit in us is the conquering Spirit, not one of fear and defeat. Just as He raised Christ from the dead, He gives us victory over every challenge that we must face and overcome on our way to God's Kingdom. (*Romans 8:35-37*) We are more than conquerors through His Power. God always releases Supernatural Power over every problem, causing us to triumph in Christ. (*II Corinthians 2:14*) Most importantly, His power raises our spirit up to new levels of His glory until we reach God's Kingdom. (*II Corinthians 3:18*)