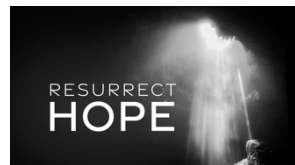


**Remembering What It Was Like to
Have No Hope
Ephesians 2:12-13**



Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Christ-followers need to remember what was missing in life when they were without Christ.

They were without a _____ with God.

They were without God's _____.

They were without _____.

They were without a _____.

They were without _____.

Today's Defining Word: Hope is embodied in _____.

Why remember what God has already forgotten?

- Remembering motivates a deeper _____ on grace.
- Remembering motivates a deeper _____ for Christ.
- Remembering motivates a greater _____ in his power.
- Remembering motivates _____.

Hope is built on Jesus' _____ and Jesus' _____.

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Heb 9:22

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 Jn 1:7

You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 1 Peter 1: 18-19

The Blood of Christ is precious because:

1. It _____. 1 Peter 1:18-19
2. It _____. 1 John 1:7
3. It _____. Col 1:20
4. It _____. Col 1:22
5. It gives _____. Heb 10:19
6. It _____. Revelation 5:9-10
7. It _____. Revelation 12:11

What God has accomplished in Christ through the precious shed blood of Christ provides hope that we can be _____ by God, live a life _____ to God, have no fear of _____, and be prepared to face the _____.

Two Points of Application:

1. Since we know that the victory of Christ was decisive and that Christ is now on the throne, the dominant mood of the Christian is one of _____. No world crisis is totally beyond help and no social trend is absolutely reversible.
2. "The failures, sins, and shortcomings of believers will be revealed in the judgment as _____, whose guilt has been totally covered by the blood of Jesus Christ."

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