

HOPE FOR YOUR FAMILY

Hope is Here #2

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“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

(Philippians 1:6, NLT)

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus. I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.”

(Philippians 1:3–11, NLT)

1. HOPE IS GOD’S GIFT.

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.” (Philippians 1:3, NLT)

2. HOPE ALWAYS PRAYS.

“Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy,”

(Philippians 1:4, NLT)

3. HOPE UNDERSTANDS WHAT REALLY MATTERS.

“For I want you to understand what really matters, ...”

(Philippians 1:10A, NLT)

4. HOPE IS PURE.

“...so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return.” (Philippians 1:10b, NLT)

“And everyone who really believes this will try to stay pure because Christ is pure.” (1 John 3:3, LB)

5. HOPE IS PATIENT.

“May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.” (Philippians 1:11, NLT)

GROWTHWORK

1. Build your family’s foundation of faith on the Gospel.
2. Live with the blessed hope of the Gospel.
3. Love is the Gospel lived out.