

Here Comes Hope

“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” John 1:29

As we begin to wind down to the end of 2014, one thing is still clear: we are indeed living in perilous times. Although much good is still occurring in our world, trouble and evil still abounds. Realizing that he only has a limited amount of time, Satan is pulling out all of his weapons of destruction as he continues his mission to steal, kill and destroy. We see inequality and injustice in our society. Many of our families are under attack and, sadly, many congregations of the Lord’s church are turning away from the doctrine of Christ in order to please men. Nevertheless, in the midst of what appears to be a period of hopelessness, God has given our world a ray of hope; and, his name is Jesus.

Our world is struggling under the weight and consequences of man’s failure to respect and obey God and His word which is also known as sin. Since Adam and Eve’s disobedience in the Eden, the burden of sin has weighed mankind down and kept us from truly experiencing the power and presence of the Most High in our lives. Therefore, instead of knowing and living a blessed life of hope as God intended, many are suffering in hopeless situations created by sin; BUT, thanks be to God, who, through His unfailing love for us, has given us a way to be delivered from the burden of our sin.

Jesus Christ is the hope of the world. In him and through him, the weary sinner can find strength, power and victory over sin. Christ is God’s solution to man’s problem. Because he lives, we can live and truly experience an intimate relationship with our Creator once again. To know him, is to know peace, love, joy and hope. *“Joy to the world! The Lord has come!”* Once you answer his call to follow him, he brings light into the darkness and initiates the process of transformation within you.

If you are looking for hope in these perilous times, Jesus is still the answer. Answer God’s call to accept the gift of hope, salvation and deliverance that is in Christ. (Romans 6:23; Mark 16:15-16). Take heed to his invitation in Matthew 11:28-30, *“Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest...”*. If you have already obeyed Hope’s call, then share this hope with others. If your heart, mind and life are surrendered to Christ, when others see you coming, they will be able to say, “Here comes hope.”