

# Saved by Hope (Groaning in the Spirit Is Answered by the 'Salvation Ready to Be Revealed')

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*The sermon emphasizes that we are saved by hope, which is expressed through our groaning in the Spirit as we await Christ's return and the fulfillment of our salvation.*

**Scripture:** Romans 8:22-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19, 2 Corinthians 5:2, 1 Timothy 1:1

**Topics:** "Hope in Christ", "Groaning In The Spirit"

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## Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes that we are 'saved by hope,' highlighting the groaning of creation and believers as they await redemption. He explains that this hope is not merely for this life but is rooted in the promise of Jesus Christ, who is our ultimate hope. Waldvogel encourages believers to recognize their identity as not of this world and to engage in prayer that reflects the Holy Spirit's groaning within them. He stresses the importance of waiting on the Lord and being prepared for Christ's return, urging the congregation to keep their hope alive and to understand the significance of their spiritual journey. Ultimately, he calls for a deeper connection with God through prayer and the Holy Spirit.

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## Transcript

Selected Verses:

Romans 8:22-24. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 24For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

I Corinthians 15:19. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

I Timothy 1:1. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope...

II Corinthians 5:2. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven.

Opening:

The Bible says we're "saved by hope." This is not the finished product. Thank God, it isn't the finished product. Paul says, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we're of all men most miserable." But, thank God, we're "saved by hope." We're saved for a purpose.

Those of you who listened to Lowell Thomas tonight heard the story of the British stew. They're all in a stew over there, but anyway... and they like stew. And some woman was cooking stew, and everybody got sick because she put a lot of onions in it--or thought it was a lot of onions. It wasn't. They were daffodil bulbs. Now you see, those daffodil bulbs were--they looked like onions, but they were not supposed to be onions. They were not supposed to be used for onions.

You may look like a child of the world, but you're not supposed to be. "They're not of the world," Jesus says. "They're not of the world." That's got to be real to me. I'm not of this world, praise God. I'm not gonna be made into onion pie. I'm not of this world. We're "saved by hope," praise God! And Jesus Christ is our hope.

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Selected Quotes:

Listen, the Lord keeps His promises, thank God. "He works in you." He works in you. He works your salvation in you. God's faithful. He's taken you up. He's "begun a good work in you." He saved you for the selfsame thing. He baptized us with Holy Ghost because God has undertaken. What does it mean to be baptized in the Holy Ghost? Why, it means that God Himself steps out of heaven and makes my body His habitation, His very temple, that He might work in my body this great salvation, Hallelujah!

And that's why the Holy Ghost within me groans. That's what prayer in the Holy Ghost means, and what it affects. And when Jesus Christ comes, there will come the answer to all the groaning of all the people of God since the beginning of the world.

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My prayer life is His life. It's the Holy Ghost groaning within me. That's "the prayers of the saints." It's God Almighty within you groaning and crying to God in heaven. What a fellowship! What union!

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How much does it mean to God whether I'm an overcomer or not? That's the thing I ought to consider. It doesn't matter so much whether I wear a crown, but does He wear the crown? That's the whole fight, beloved. When we talk about divine healing or salvation or any blessing associated with our earthly lives, the question is whether Jesus Christ shall reign or whether the devil shall continue holding sway.

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Every defeat I suffer is not only my defeat, but it's a defeat for the King.

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"He filleth thy mouth with good things so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." What is He talking about? Why, the resurrection from the dead--the life of Jesus Christ fully received, not only in my soul but in my very body. Oh, this mystery has been revealed. It's "Christ in you." You don't have to go to the drug store to get aspirin tablets and vitamins: you've got them in your heart. Jesus is there! "The Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells within you." Oh, why don't I open this treasury of God?

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My God, can You tell these things to anybody? Nobody's interested. That's what was the matter with Israel. The word was not received; it wasn't "mixed with faith." And why did God send Isaiah among them to tell them that they're lost, tell them that He hardened their hearts? He says, "You go and preach to them until the cities are wasted, without inhabitant--until all the cities are burned up." Why did You send Isaiah? Listen, He sent him for you and for me. These prophets knew that "not unto themselves but unto us they did minister the things which are now recorded unto you--or reported unto you--by the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, through those who preached the Gospel."

God, does anybody listen to You? Anybody interested in this wonderful marriage supper of the Lamb which is already spread? "All things are now ready." The Holy Spirit has got to give us an eye to see and an ear to hear: "The Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened that you might know what is the hope of His calling."

Beloved, it'll cure you. It'll cure you of all the love of the world. It'll cure you of the love of "your own life also." Oh, how we need waiting upon the Lord. That art is lost in many circles. Let's not lose it. Waiting upon the Lord will give God Almighty a chance to stoop to you and to whisper into your ear these "mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven" which "no man knows saving he that receiveth it".

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You know, it's about time for that seventh trumpet to sound. Did you hear the first, and second, and third, and forth, or were you asleep? Pretty soon there will be a terrific blast, and "the mystery of God will be finished". And I'm afraid the foolish virgins will then go and run for oil, and knock at the door, and find the door shut. Oh, God, where are we going to be in that day? Is there a groaning in my soul? Have I been "saved by hope"? Is that hope alive? I "shall be like Him," thank God.

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Our hope is Jesus. And what do you expect to do when He comes? Where do you expect to be? What do you think will happen to you when Jesus comes? Well, let me ask you: what happens to you now, when He reveals His presence when you come to be alone with God? What happens? The Bible says, "We ourselves groan within ourselves." Oh, there's not enough of that groaning in the Holy Ghost--real prayer that's gripped your soul, prayer that makes a dent in the clouds above you, and a hole, and goes right through to the very heart of the Father, prayer that binds things, and looses things. Oh, God help us.

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