THE BIRTH OF HOPE

"Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future.

Faith is the courage to dance to it today."

John 12

23 Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it will produce many new seeds — a plentiful harvest of new lives. 25 In the same way, anyone who holds on to life as it is will lose it. But if you let go, surrendering this life in love, you'll have real life for eternity. 27 Now my heart is deeply troubled. What am I going to pray? 'Father, get me out of this! Save me from this hour?' No, this is the very reason I came in the first place! I will instead say, 'Father, put your glory on display!"

They took him down from the cross and buried him. But then God raised him from death. There is no disputing that! Acts 13:29 - 31

But in, fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the firstfruits of a great harvest of all who have died. I Corinthians 15:20

If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation! The old has gone, the new has come! Il Corinthians 5:17, John 10:18

I. Surrender the seed.

Key question:

II. Wait in faith.

III. Harvest in hope.

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:18-19

Hope For All

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