



Colossians 1:27

1 Peter 3:15

The image depicts the entrance to a tomb. A bright, golden light emanates from the dark opening of the tomb, creating a strong contrast with the dark, textured rock walls. In the foreground, a white cloth lies on the floor of the tomb, partially illuminated by the light from the entrance. The overall atmosphere is one of mystery and divine light.

He is
Risen

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Indeed!



Hope Abandoned!



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Why we lose hope:



Luke 24:21a



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But we were hoping that it
was He who as going to
redeem Israel.

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Our goals are unreachable



Acts 27:20



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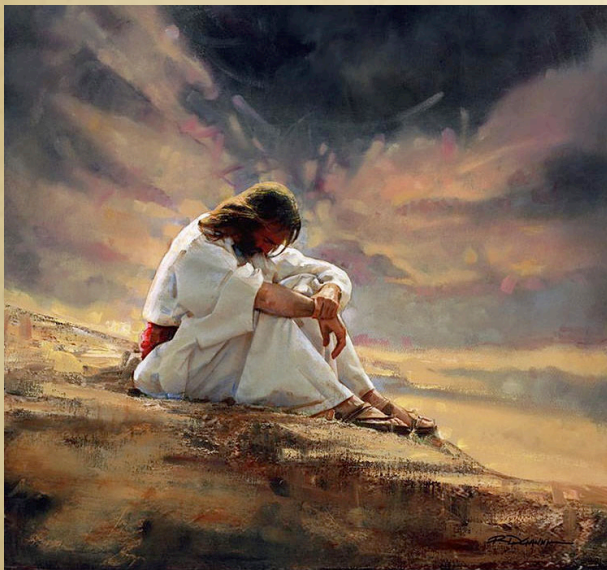


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Our loneliness is unbearable

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Luke 22:42

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Matthew 27:46b



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My God, My God, why
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Hope Restored:
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Our bad can be turned into good!

. . . you meant evil against
me; *but* God meant it for
good.

Genesis 50:20b

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Our good now points to something
even better!

For we are His
workmanship, created in
Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared
beforehand that we should
walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

Let your light so shine
before men, that they may
see your good works
and glorify your Father in
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Matthew 5:16

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The best is yet to come!

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Colossians 1:27b

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Matthew 28:4b-7b

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Go therefore and make
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nations. . . .

Matthew 28:19a

Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Christ in you, the hope of glory.

- 1. We have a mandate: Share the news in order to make disciples.**

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1. We have **a mandate**: Share the news in order to make disciples.
2. We have **a message**:

Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Luke 24:46-47

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3. We have a model:

As the Father has sent Me,
I also send you.

John 20:21b

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John 20:21b

And the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us, and we
beheld His glory, the glory
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John 1:14

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“The best argument for Christianity is Christians; their joy, their certainty, their completeness. But the strongest argument against Christianity is also Christians - when they are somber and joyless, when they are self-righteous and smug in complacent consecration, when they are narrow and repressive, then Christianity dies a thousand deaths.”

Sheldon Vanauken



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“ . . . you shall be witnesses
to Me in Jerusalem, and in
all Judea and Samaria, and
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Acts 1:8b

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4. We have the means:

Behold, I send the
Promise of My Father upon
you; but tarry in the city of
Jerusalem until you are
endued with power from on
high.

Luke 21:14

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But you shall receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come
upon you; and you shall
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and in all Judea and Samaria,
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Acts 1:8

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Acts 1:8

For by one Spirit we were
ALL baptized into one body
—whether Jews or Greeks,
whether slaves or free—
and have all been made to
drink into one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13

And do not grieve the Holy
Spirit of God, by whom
you were sealed for the day
of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30

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Walk in the Spirit, and you
shall not fulfill the lust
of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16

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And do not be drunk with
wine, in which is
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be filled with the Spirit

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Matthew 10:19b-20

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Mark 13:11

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But make up your mind not
to worry beforehand how
you will defend yourselves.

Luke 21:14 (NIV)

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Luke 21:14 (NIV)

the Spirit of Him who
raised Jesus from the dead
dwells in you

Romans 8:11b (NKJV)

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But we all, with unveiled face,
beholding as in a mirror the
glory of the Lord, are
being transformed into the
same image from glory to glory,
just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

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Now may the God
of hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, that
you may abound in hope by
the power of the
Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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to *give* a defense to
everyone who asks you a
reason for the hope that is
in you, with meekness and
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1 Peter 3:15b

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