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**Transforming Daily**  
**“... Christ in you, the hope of glory ...”**  
*Colossians 1:27*

The person of Christ is the hope of glory that rests within the believer. It is through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit that the believer is and remains sealed until the day of glory. In fact, it is a part of the work of the Holy Spirit to draw the sinner, enlighten him or her with the Word of God, and seal those who believe until that day. The whole process is a matter of grace through faith. One of the distinguishing aspects in the process is hope. What is hope? How is it to be applied?

One thing hope is not, is wishing. Wishing is one desiring something of which or for which they have no confident assurance. Hope is a confident assurance based on the promise of God's Word that one has their desire. "I hope it doesn't rain," is better understood, "I wish it wouldn't rain." "Hopefully this will work," is better understood as, "I have no idea what's going to happen, but I wish it would work." The distinction is based on the authority inherent in the promise of the expectant outcome. Christ is the believer's hope for eternal life based on the authority of the Word of God. God's Word is true because He is Truth. Therefore the promises therein carry the weight of Sovereign authority. He said it, that settles it whether anyone believes it or not.

I have an older brother and a younger sister. When we were growing up, one of us would say to the other, "You're not supposed to have that." The other one would reply, "Who says?" The usual response was, "Dad said." Again the normal reply would be, "You're lying." Then, whichever one of us it was, would just keep on doing whatever it was that we were doing. Then dad's voice would roar from the other room, "Didn't you hear what your brother or sister said to you?" It was a rhetorical question I assure you. It was a picture of confident assurance, based on the authority of my father's word, of that which my brother, sister, or I believed to be true and thereby tried to warn the other to obey.

Do you hear the Word of God? Do you believe the Word of God to be authoritative and true? Are you willing to obey the Word of God? Do you understand Christ to be the Word of God and Christ in you, the hope of glory?