

The Uniqueness of Our Hope

Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

I discovered Derek Clark, a motivational speaker, author, and rapper with over 250 million online viewers. On his page, I read a poem by Allison Pardi that beautifully captures the uniqueness of hope.

**Sitting in this basement all alone with my son.
Contemplating, hating' myself for all the
worthless things I've done. All the people that I
hurt and things that I've said, I try and fall asleep
but can't get these voices from my head. So I'll
take a shot... maybe one... maybe two.
Jack is not the answer... but you don't know what
I've been through. You say you want to save me
but don't know what to do... they say I'm too far
gone, and I'm afraid that's true.**

**But there's a God much greater than I.
He loved me so much he sent his son out to die.
If he loved me like that, then surely he does you.**



**Little do you know he felt the pain we go through.
And it's funny all the people that will say
that they've sinned too much that he will turn his
head away.**

**And we think we have it bad, so we blame him,
my cousin overdosed, he could have saved him!
If there were God, my husband would be here
with me, instead, he's spending Christmas with
his new family...
I'm a single mom and can't handle the emptiness
I feel, so I try to make it better by taking all these
pills. It's a scary world when you live it alone,
all the sins that I've done would have your mind
blown.**

**But it's a blessing that there's a God much
greater than I. He loved me so much he sent his
son out to die...**

If he loved me, then indeed he does you.

Cont.

Little do you know he feels the pain we go through.

**And it's funny all the people that will say
that they've sinned too much that the church will
burst them into flames. So much anger, so much
hate.**

**But it's time to let it go, or I will never see the
gates.**

**I know the fear you feel, I felt it at 14.
When my uncle snuck in and took advantage of
me.**

**Time after time, I made up excuses... but if they
really loved me, I wouldn't be covered in bruises.
But if we would take a step back and let his love
shine in, then everything we've gone through
would finally end.**

**It took hitting the bottom to show finally,
that the life I was living wasn't what he chose
Jesus died on the cross for a sinner like me, and
though it's undeserving, by his grace, I'm set free.**



**Hope in the dark and dreary season of life
Isaiah 9:2,6-7**

**2 The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them, a light has shined.**

**6 For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**7 Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.**

Hope which helps us get through our past

i.e., Prophet Jeremiah wrote about the sorrowful reactions to the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple in about 586 B.C

Lamentation 3:20-24

20 My soul still remembers

And sinks within me.

21 This I recall to my mind,

Therefore, I have hope.

22 Through the Lord's mercies, we are not consumed,

Because His compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning;

Great is Your faithfulness.

**24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"Therefore, I hope in Him!"**

In Addition...,

Psalms 146:5

**5 Happy is he who has the God of
Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in
the Lord his God,**



Jeremiah 17:7

**7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the
Lord,
And whose hope is the Lord.**

Ephesians 1:18

**18 the eyes of your understanding being
enlightened; that you may know what is
the hope of His calling, what are the
riches of the glory of His inheritance in
the saints.**

Psalms 33:22

**22 Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
Just as we hope in You.**

Our Hope is Like No Other Hope.

Romans 8:24-25

24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

Col 1:27

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

1Thessalonians 5:8

8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.



A Name That Brings Hope Alive

Acts 4:10-12

10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

11 This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'

12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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