Series: A THRIVING HOPE

<u>Title</u>: Our Hope of Glory

Text: (Col 1:27)

Our Hope makes us Different: (1 John 3:1-3)

HOPE~A desire of some good, accompanied with at least a slight expectation of obtaining it, or a belief that it is obtainable.

Hope differs from WISH or DESIRE

HOPE implies some expectation of obtaining the good desired, or the possibility of possessing it.

HOPE therefore always gives pleasure or joy;

WISH/DESIRE may produce or be accompanied with pain & anxiety.

Our HOPE is in Jesus Christ. (1 Timothy 1:1)

This HOPE is found throughout the Scriptures. (Ps 119:81)

Patience and comfort of the Scriptures. (Rom 15:4)

- I. <u>First Spoken of as a SEED</u>: (Gen 3:15)
 - A. The Gospel Truth is Revealed Here.
 - B. A Conflict Between These Seeds.
 - C. The Seed of the Woman to be Victorious: (Ro 16:20)
- II. Seen in the Promise to Abraham: (Genesis 12:1-3)
 - A. All Nations To Be Blessed
 - B. Blessed Through the Seed
 - 1. Not Fulfilled in Abraham's Day
 - 2. Was Confirmed in Isaac: (Genesis 26:4)
 - 3. Again to Jacob: (Genesis 28:14)

III. This Promise Seed is Christ Jesus:

- A. He came into the world: (Galatians 4:4)
- B. <u>Prophesied, or Foretold in Advance</u>: (Isaiah 7:14) (Fulfilled 750 years later) (Matt 1:20-23)
- C. The Seed Became Flesh (God would come as a Human Being): (John 1:14)

(1 Timothy 3:16)(2 Corinthians 5:19)

D. <u>He Came That Dead Men May Live</u>: (Ephesians 2:1) (John 3:16) (John 6:38-40) (1 John 4:9-10) (1 Peter 1:18-19)

IV. This Promise was Accomplished on Calvary:

A Seed must die and be planted before it can produce fruit. (John 12:24)

A. <u>Christ Died for Sinners</u>: (Romans 6:23) (Romans 5:8) (1 Thessalonians 5:10)

- B. He Bore Our Sins on the Cross: (1 Peter 2:21-24)
- C. God's Promise was Fulfilled in Christ Jesus: *A Seed always multiplies when it reproduces.* (Gal 3:8-16)

V. The Promises Secured by the Resurrection:

- A. <u>Jesus Suffered and Died</u>: (Luke 18:31-33) (Luke 24:26-27)
- B. Was Buried and Rose Again: (Romans 1:1-4)
- C. <u>Because He Lives, We Shall also Live</u>: (John 14:19)

This is OUR HOPE!

We Become New Creatures in Christ: (2 Cor 5:17) Only IN CHRIST can we have this Hope: (Acts 4:12)