

# The Normal Christian Life is a *Hopeful* Life

Titus 1:1-4

*1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, <sup>2</sup> in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began <sup>3</sup> and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;*

*4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.*

## An introduction – Paul, the servant-apostle

*What is my primary identity?*

*What is my primary purpose?*

*Who am I here for?*

## Three necessary effects of Gospel preaching:

1) Enables \_\_\_\_\_

2) Endows \_\_\_\_\_

3) Ensures \_\_\_\_\_\*

And I have \_\_\_\_\_ of all the above inasmuch as I have \_\_\_\_\_.

## The rock-solid, immovable, unshakeable foundation of our hope\*:

God's \_\_\_\_\_ ...

God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ...

God's \_\_\_\_\_ work of redemption through our \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus Christ ...

## The practical worth of eternal hope for *today*:

I can be \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_ about the future.

I can speak \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, knowing the truth will be vindicated.

I can live \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, knowing Christ will appear (perhaps soon?).

I can endure \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, knowing what is promised me in Christ will be worth it all.

I can live \_\_\_\_\_, independent from the circumstantial and the immediate because I am focused on \_\_\_\_\_.

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. (Eph. 1:18-19a)*