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## 5. The hope of complete and eternal redemption

*Revelation 21:1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*

<sup>5</sup> *He who was seated on the throne said, “**I am making everything new!**” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”*

*Revelation 21:6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. <sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”*

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## Hope

The Wonder of Christmas – part 2

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*Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”*

*Matt. 1:21 “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, <sup>1</sup> because he will save his people from their sins.”*

### 1. Hope of the abundant life

*John 10:10 “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have **life** and **have it abundantly**.”*

*John 17:3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

*Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to me and does hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.*

- The principle of F\_\_\_\_\_ love.
- The principle of first love F\_\_\_\_\_ and F\_\_\_\_\_ him.
- The principle of first love R\_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 22:37-39 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your might. This is the first and great commandment. A second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

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## 2. The hope of Satan's defeat.

1 John 3:8 "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."

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Matt. 7:13-14 Enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, but small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

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Colossians 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

## 3. Living a life of hope, now, and forever

Heb. 2:14a "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,<sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.<sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, **but he helps the offspring of Abraham.**"

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Hebrews 9:26-28 "But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, **not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.**"

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Romans 8:23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, **groan inwardly as we wait eagerly** for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

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## 4. The hope of His second coming...

1 Thess. 1:9 ... They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,<sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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1 Thess. 4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.<sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord **forever.**

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