

# Got HOPE?

## God's Passion for You

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By the gospel you are saved ...1 Corinthians 15:2

### Gospel = "Good News"

**John 3:16** For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

### How to Experience God's Good News:

#### Recognize God's Passion for You

"God loved the world SO much. . ."

**1 John 4:9-10** God showed how much He loved us by sending His only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love...He sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

**1 John 3:1** What an incredible quality of love the Father has shown us, that we should be permitted to be called and counted as the children of God! (Amp)

**Ephesians 3:18-19** May you be able to feel and understand... how long, how wide, how deep, and how high God's love really is and experience this love for yourselves...(LB)

#### Acknowledge God's Great Gift for You

"that He GAVE His one and only Son. . ."

**Romans 3:24-25a** Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.

**Romans 5:6** When we were unable to help ourselves, at the moment of our need, Christ died for us, although we were living against God. (NCV)

**2 Corinthians 5:21** God took the sinless Christ and poured into Him our sins. Then, in exchange, He poured God's goodness into us. (LB)

**Ephesians 2:8** Saving is all His idea, and all His work. All we do is trust Him enough to let Him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! (Mes)

#### Accept God's Great Offer

" so that EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES in Him. . ."

**Titus 2:11** The free gift of eternal salvation is offered to everyone. (LB)

**Colossians 3:11** One's nationality or race or education or social position is unimportant; such things mean nothing. Whether a person has Christ is what matters, and He is equally available to all. (LB)

**Romans 3:22** God says He will accept and acquit us – declare us "not guilty" – if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like. (LB)

**2 Corinthians 6:2** Right now God is ready to welcome you. Today He is ready to save you! (LB)

## Trust God's Great Promise

“Will not perish but have ETERNAL LIFE!”

**1 Peter 1:3-5** We are now members of God's own family... and God has reserved for His children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you...and God will make sure that you get there safely to receive because you are trusting Him. (LB)

**1 Peter 1:3-4** “What a God we have! ... Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven, and the future starts now! (Mes)

**Psalms 34:8** Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!