## VOICE OF THE VILS II

# Blessed Hope

## Titus 2:11-14 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup>For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup>teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup>looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

## Introduction

Nowadays, we sometimes use the word "hope" mistakenly. Sometimes, it means to us as something that we wish to come or to happen because we lack the confidence of the assurance.

But what is hope really?

- Hope means more than a vague wish that something will happen. It is a sure and confident expectation in God's future faithfulness and presence.
- The horizon of Christian hope extends beyond our time here on earth into the eternity prepared by God Himself.
- This hope, this reality, is guaranteed by Jesus Christ.

## What is the blessed hope?

- Titus 2:12-13 identifies the blessed hope as the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ, our great God and Savior.
- The word "blessed" can mean joyful or beneficial. Our hope is blessed because the return of Jesus

will be an amazing and joyful experience for the believers.

- The trials of this life will be over, and we will see that our present sufferings are incomparable to the glory that will be revealed in us during that day.

## Romans 8:18-21 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup>For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; <sup>21</sup>because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

- The blessed hope is the glad assurance that these will take place.
- Jesus is our hope and no one can take that hope away.

## Romans 5:3-5 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>and perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- The Holy Spirit was also given to us as a guarantee of that blessed hope. - The blessed hope is the joyful assurance that Jesus Christ will return, and His return is of great joy and benefit for us believers.

Jesus said He will return.

## John 14:3 (NKJV)

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

The angels said He would return.

## Acts 1:11 (NKJV)

Who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

The epistles of the apostles say that Jesus will return.

This glorious event is called the **rapture**. It will be announced by the voice of the archangel and God's trumpet call.

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that would hone students to their maximum potential. And as a gateway of evangelism, the Lord will use this school to draw people near Him and know Him more in their lives. We also encourage you to be part of introducing UCA to your families and loved ones. Let us, as one family, bring souls that will know our Lord Jesus Christ!





And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)

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Pinalitadahan na ang mga pader para sa lalong ikatitibay nito.

naging madali ang kanilang hinarap na suliranin dahil sa masamang panahon, ngunit ang Diyos ang nagbibigay daan upang maipagpatuloy ang Kaniyang ministeryo.

> Marami pa ang inaasahang pagbabago sa panambahan bago ito tuluyang magbukas para sa mga tunay na naghahanap sa Diyos. Ito ay kabilang sa malaking plano ng Diyos sa panambahan at inaasahan na ang Kaniyang mga anak ay masugid na susunod sa Kaniyang kalooban.



And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV)

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Ang mga anak ng Diyos ay naglalaan ng kanilang oras upang ang mga nagsipagdalo ay makakilala rin sa ating dakilang Panginoon at makapakinig sa Kaniyang buhay na Salita sa pamamagitan nina Rev. Morrell Estrellado, Rev. Fidel Dillo at Rev. Ricardo Jacob. Bago magsimula ang Bible study, ang lahat ay naghandog ng awitin na puno ng papuri at pasasalamat para sa ating Diyos Ama. Nagkaroon din ng pagkakataon ang ilang miyembro ng panambahan na makapagbahagi ng kanilang karanasan ng paggabay ng Panginoon sa kanilang mga buhay. Panalangin ng mga miyembro na sa pamamagitan ng gawaing ito ay matuklasan at maranasan ng mga bagong kaluluwa ang kabutihan at pagmamahal ang mayroon ang Ama sa kanilang mga buhay.



Sa pangunguna ni Rev. Estrellado, matiyagang dinadayo ng mga miyembro ang ilang mga pamilya sa paligid ng Mt. Tabor upang sila ay imbitahan sa linggu-linggong *Bible stud*y na ginaganap tuwing Martes. Habang nakakapanayam nila ang bawat pamilya, kanila ring ibinahagi ang kabutihan at pagpapalang kanilang naranasan sa presensya ng Diyos Ama. Nagkaroon din ng maikling panalangin ang mga miyembro para sa mga dinalaw na pamilya, panalangin upang sila ay mapagpala at tunay na makatagpo sa Diyos.





Luke 6:38 (NKJV) "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

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Ang pagtatanim ng binhi sa gawain ng Panginoon ay tunay na hindi nakakapanghinayang dahil ito ay ipinapalago ng Panginoon. At sa pagbibigay ng binhi sa pagtatayo ng Mt. Tabor Church, ang pangunahing estruktura nito ay naitayo na matapos ang tatlong buwan.

Laking pasasalamat ni Rev. Dr. William Sy sa unti-onting pagtatapos ng konstruksiyon ng panambahan kaya naman ay isang *Thanksgiving Celebration* ang kaniyang inihanda para sa mga miyembro ng UCF noong Hulyo 22, Sabado, sa Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center. Ang Panginoon ay

tapat sa Kaniyang araw-araw na pagsama sa mga manggagawa sa Mt. Tabor kaya ganoon na lamang ang pasasalamat ni Rev. Dr. Sy. Sa kabila ng mga pagsubok sa pagtatayo nito, sila ay patuloy na binibigyan ng kalakasan, inspirasyon at gabay ng Panginoon. Isang masayang pagtitipon ang naganap kasama ang kapatiran. Iba't ibang masasarap na pagkain ang niluto ng *Ladies* at *Men's Fellowship*. Habang nagsasalu-salo ang lahat, bakas sa kanila ang kagalakan na makiisa sa gawaing ito.

Lahat ay masayang nagdiwang bilang kanilang pasasalamat sa Panginoon sa Kaniyang katapatan sa ministeryong ipinagkatiwala Niya. Patuloy din nating ipanalangin sa Panginoon ang mga manggagawang ginagamit ng Diyos sa pagtatayo ng Mt. Tabor Church.



Bilang panimula sa salu-salo, naghandog ng mga awiting nagbigay papuri sa Diyos Ama ang bawat miyembro. Isang panalangin din ang inalay ng lahat upang patuloy na gamitin ng Diyos ang buhay ng bawat isa para sa Kaniyang gawain. Itinaas din sa Diyos ang matagumpay na pagtatapos ng itinatayong simbahan sa Mt. Tabor.







Kaniyang mga anak, tayo ay sumunod sa kalooban ng Panginoon sa ating mga buhay.





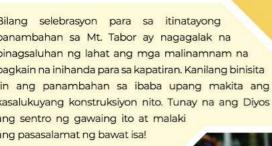
"And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day."

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV)

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## **MASAYANG** PAGSALU-SALO

Bilang selebrasyon para sa itinatayong panambahan sa Mt. Tabor ay nagagalak na pinagsaluhan ng lahat ang mga malinamnam na pagkain na inihanda para sa kapatiran. Kanilang binisita rin ang panambahan sa ibaba upang makita ang kasalukuyang konstruksiyon nito. Tunay na ang Diyos ang sentro ng gawaing ito at malaki ang pasasalamat ng bawat isa!











Napuno ng galak at pasasalamat ang gawaing ito para sa wagas na pag-ibig at katapatan ng Diyos sa panambahang Kaniyang tinawag.









Deuteronomy 28:12 (NKJV)

The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

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## Sunday Worship Service HIGHLIGHTS

"Instead of counting our problems, start counting the blessings God has done in our lives."

> "Kapag ang puso mo ay tama sa Diyos, you will receive the reward of your inheritance."

"Mahalaga kung ano ang nilalaman ng puso natin. Iyan ang mamimili ng mga ginagawa nating desisyon." "Maski sumusunod
na tayo sa Panginoon
ay marami pa ring
persecution at trials.
Pero kapag ang puso
mo ay nagtitiwala sa
Diyos, magpatuloy ka at
ipapakita Niya sa iyo na
Siya ay buhay na Diyos."



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Coordinator: Sis. Nerissa Estrellado



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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

> Coordinator: Sis. Liezle Ala



JESUS' Disciples

Read Matthew 8, 17-21; Luke 5; Mark 2-3; John 1, 3, 18, 21; and Acts 1 to answer the following questions below about Jesus' disciples. The first one to answer correctly will get a free bookmark and pencil. **Present your VOV copy to Sis. Aira Tolentino.** 



- Which disciple was a tax collector? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Who were the first two disciples to be called?
- 3. Which disciple tried to walk on water?
- 4. Who were the three disciples from Bethsaida?
- 5. What event did Peter, James, and John witness on a mountain with Jesus?

- 6. What did Jesus ask His disciples to fetch on His entry to Jerusalem?
- 7. Which disciple betrayed Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. What did Jesus do for each disciple during the Last Supper?
- After Jesus' death, which disciple looked after His mother, Mary?
- 10. Who was the disciple that replaced Judas?

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"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Matthew 21:22 (NKJV)

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## Looking for the...

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## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NKJV)

13But I do not want you to be brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope, 14For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18Therefore comfort one another with these words.

The blessed hope gives the believers comfort in the midst of trials and tribulation of this world.

After knowing about the blessed hope, what shall we do now?

## 1 John 3:2-3 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is

A true believer anticipating Christ's return will seek to live a life of purity, in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

## 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 (NKJV)

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the

things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

The imminent return of Jesus Christ should motivate us to live a godly life in this ungodly world.

To do this, let's examine the word "looking" in Titus 2:13. Looking means that we live everyday in continuous expectation and with conviction that Jesus could come anytime.

The imminent return of Jesus Christ should also motivate us to be zealous in good works.

### Titus 2:14 (NK.IV)

Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

## 1 Corinthians 10:31-33 (NKJV)

<sup>31</sup>Therefore, whether you eat or

drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <sup>32</sup>Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, <sup>33</sup>Just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

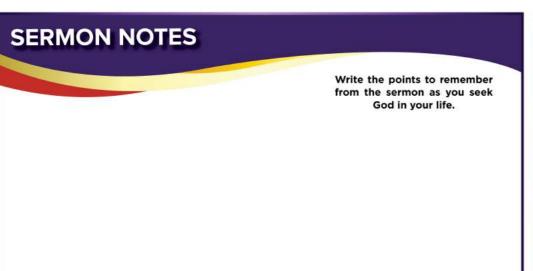
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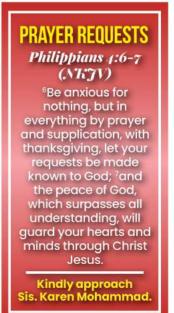
The blessed hope brings us joy and cheers us through the trials of this world. It should also cause us to stop and evaluate ourselves, our thinking, our words, and our actions.

## Challenge

## 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup>We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.











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