



## WORLD CHANGER • Part 8

# INSTILLING HOPE & PURPOSE

### 1 Timothy 1:1 – OUR HOPE

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, <sup>2</sup> To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

## HOPE FOR A CHANGED RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

### Romans 3:23 – Our Problem

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

### Romans 8:1-2 – Our Hope

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

### Colossians 1:21 – Our Problem

<sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

### Colossians 1:19 – Our Hope

<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Sin destroys our relationship with God, with others, and with self.  
Jesus changes our world by forgiving sin and reconciling us to God.

## HOPE FOR CHANGED LIVES

### Romans 8:7-8 – Our Problem

<sup>7</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

### Romans 8:9a, 11 – Our Hope

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. - - - <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Apart from Christ, we are powerless to overcome our flesh.  
If the Spirit who raised Christ from the dead is within us, that changes everything!

## HOPE FOR A CHANGED WORLD

### Titus 2:11-13

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ...

In a world where God is ignored, passions rule, and life is out of control.  
Jesus offers strength for today and hope for tomorrow.  
We can say "No" to ungodliness, we can live with self-control, and we make a difference today.

## HOPE AND PURPOSE IN CHRIST

### N. T. Wright – The Challenge of Jesus

Our task as image-bearing, God-loving, Christ-shaped, Spirit-filled Christians, following Christ and shaping our world, is to announce redemption to a world that has discovered its fallenness, to announce healing to a world that has discovered its brokenness, to proclaim love and trust to a world that knows only exploitation, fear and suspicion...The gospel of Jesus points us and indeed urges us to be at the leading edge of the whole culture, articulating in story and music and art and philosophy and education and poetry and politics and theology...leading the way...with joy and humor and gentleness and good judgment and true wisdom.