*Thursday, April 4, 2013*

**Hope**

Ephesians 2:11-14 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (KJV)

Think of salvation and the new life you are walking in as a mother who is expectant with a new life within. Your life before Christ was one of no hope, a dead end filled with illusions and deception which only brought forth heartache and failure. A woman with child will often say they are expecting, and your new life in Christ should be the same, expecting new victorious outcomes to birth and spring forth.

Ephesians 1:17-19 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, (KJV)

Just like ultrasound machines and x-ray devices help you to see the new life within an expectant mother; your eyes have been enlightened to see within so that you can see the new creature coming to life in your spirit. This new creature within is full of power and might, but only if you believe. You need to know and not just guess that this power is available to you also and not just for a select few. All these promises we see throughout the Word are there for the taking to those that hold fast and bring them to term.

Colossians 1:3-6 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, 5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; 6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: (KJV)

This plan of salvation which God sent our way is based on His grace, and not our works. My hope and prayer for you this day is that your hope and expectation of good will come when you look above and not limit yourself to the things of this world. God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.