

## His Part 9 - Hope is a Good Thing.

***11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:11-13***

We worship here today because followers of Jesus have always taken the call to go **“into all of the world”** very seriously.

***Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. Colossians 3:11***

**Hostility** toward one another has always brought heartache to God.

***“You only have I chosen, of all the families of the earth” Amos 3:2***

***I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. Genesis 12:3***

***it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8***

***Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:10***

Hope is what what makes Christians **distinct**.

***There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:4***

***Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. 1 Peter 3:15***

***13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Titus 2:13***

**If your spiritual life is anemic then it is probably because you are putting your hope in things and not in the creator and sustainer of all things.**

**Our changes will not be safe, they will not be painless, but they will be good.**