



Theology Paper

“Hope Is Awake”

“Hope Is Awake” is a celebratory song that encourages the church to take hold of God’s promises based on the reality of Jesus’ resurrection.

The opening lyric, “... leaving His throne to bear the curse,” shifts our gaze to the shadow cast by the curse in Genesis 3:17 that led Jesus to the cross as stated in Galatians 3:13. After the fall of humanity in Genesis 3:1-7, God installed the curse of sin that produced painful labor, sweat of the brow, thorns, and a return to dust. But Jesus “suffered the cross that I deserved” and took on the curse in the pain of the nails, through the blood of His brow, the crown of thorns, and through His burial.

But that was not the end. Even though we’re dead in sin (Romans 6:23), death is not our end because Jesus’ resurrection proves the grave has lost its sting and that death is undone.

The resurrection of Jesus allows us to celebrate in the throws of sorrow because, by His resurrection, He shattered the curse of sin, conquered the chords of death (1 Peter 3:18), and became the way to eternal life (John 14:6).

Throughout “Hope Is Awake,” we’re encouraged to rejoice in the words of 1 Corinthians 15:55-57, “‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’ ‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Because of the resurrection, those who have “gone to sleep” in Christ are not slumbering in the void, they’re celebrating God’s glory in His presence. We have hope in this life and for the life to come! Jesus’ sacrifice ushered in the defeat of death and renewed the hope of life (Titus 3:7). In Him, death is not our destiny. Rather, our hope is renewed knowing that there’s a coming day when the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and He will put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

What is our response to the cross and the resurrection?

“O the glorious love of Christ!”

“This is our hope, Hallelujah!”

