

My Hope

1 Corinthians 15:3,4-10 Friends, let me go over the Message with you one final time... The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says; that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died); that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him; and that he finally presented himself alive to *me*. It was fitting that I bring up the rear. I don't deserve to be included in that inner circle, as you well know, having spent all those early years trying my best to stamp God's church right out of existence. But because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. And I'm not about to let his grace go to waste

1. Jesus died for _____ sins

“the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it;”

Isaiah 53:5-6 (TLB) But he was wounded and bruised for *our* sins. He was beaten that we might have peace; he was lashed—and we were healed! *We*—every one of us—have strayed away like sheep! *We*, who left God's paths to follow our own. Yet God laid on *him* the guilt and sins of every one of us!

Isaiah 53:10 (MSG)...The plan was that he give himself as an offering for sin so that he'd see life come from it—life, life, and more life. And GOD's plan will deeply prosper through him.

John 1:29 “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

2. Jesus was buried just as the prophets had _____

“that he was buried”

Isaiah 53:8-9 (NIV) For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

3. Jesus was raised from the grave bringing me _____ of new life

“he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says;”

Psalms 16:9-11 (NIV) Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Titus 3:5-7 (NCV) when the kindness and love of God our Savior was shown, ⁵ he saved us because of his mercy. It was not because of good deeds we did to be right with him. He saved us through the washing that made us new people through the Holy Spirit. ⁶ God poured out richly upon us that Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁷ Being made right with God by his grace, we could have the hope of receiving the life that never ends.

1 Corinthians 15:10 (MSG) “And I'm not about to let his grace go to waste”