HOPE OF GLORY MINISTRIES

A RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Christ in you, the hope of glory.

OUR MISSION

Hope of Glory Ministries exists to teach, train, and equip believers to walk in the fullness of God's Word, to serve others in love, and to advance the Kingdom of God on earth for His glory. Founded by Craig Douglas Matthews II, this religious educational ministry was established to bring people closer to Jesus Christ and to provide biblically grounded instruction for faithful living. We desire to see truth move beyond the printed page and take root in the heart, the home, the church, the workplace, and the community.

Our mission is not simply to distribute information. Education is not the destination; Christ is. Knowledge is not the goal; faithfulness is. Every lesson should lead the reader toward deeper worship, clearer understanding, mature character, responsible stewardship, and loving service. We teach so that people may know Christ, grow in wisdom, steward faithfully, and serve others. When biblical truth is received with humility and practiced through obedience, it becomes an inheritance that can strengthen families, bless communities, and be entrusted to generations yet to come.

CHRIST AT THE CENTER

The name Hope of Glory comes from Colossians 1:27: 'Christ in you, the hope of glory.' This mystery is the center of our message. Christianity is more than adopting religious ideas or improving outward behavior. It is the life of Jesus Christ dwelling in redeemed people by the Holy Spirit. His presence renews the mind, transforms the character, strengthens the weak, corrects the wandering, comforts the broken, and produces a visible witness of grace and truth.

Jesus Christ is the eternal Word, the Creator, the Chief Cornerstone, the Master Builder, the Good Shepherd, the Door, the True Vine, the Resurrection and the Life, the Head of the Church, the Bridegroom, the King of kings, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. The Father purposed all things in Him. The Son accomplished redemption through His death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit reveals Christ, joins believers to Him, and forms His character within them. Every work of lasting value must begin with Christ, remain in Christ, and return glory to Christ.

ONE LIBRARY, ONE TESTIMONY

The Hope of Glory book series is designed as one continuous testimony rather than a collection of disconnected volumes. It begins before creation with the Father's eternal purpose in His Son. It moves to Jesus Christ as the only sure foundation and Chief Cornerstone. It considers how Christ orders and builds His Church, how grace forms His life within His people, how the Spirit restores the image of the Son, and how believers grow into faithful service and Kingdom responsibility.

The journey continues toward Spirit-empowered witness, the advancing Kingdom, the return of the King, the resurrection of the saints, the restoration of all things, and the Kingdom without end. The Father purposed. The Son redeemed. The Spirit indwells. The image is restored. The Kingdom advances. The King returns. All things are made new. The seven books share one purpose: to behold the eternal message of God revealed in Jesus Christ and to prepare a people who live for His glory.

FORMATION FOR FAITHFUL LIVING

Scripture is our highest authority for faith, doctrine, character, and ministry practice. Readers are encouraged to open the Bible, examine every teaching, pray for understanding, and depend upon the Holy Spirit. Knowledge without obedience can make the heart proud, while zeal without truth can lose its way. Biblical education must therefore be joined to devotion, worship, repentance, prayer, and practical discipleship.

We believe discipleship touches the whole life. The home becomes a place of formation. Work becomes an opportunity for integrity and service. Time, money, ability, influence, relationships, and spiritual gifts become sacred trusts. Faithfulness is learned in ordinary decisions before it is displayed in public ministry. A mature disciple keeps promises, speaks truth, practices mercy, handles resources wisely, strengthens the family, honors others, and uses every gift for the glory of God rather than personal recognition.

SERVANTS IN THE KINGDOM

Hope of Glory Ministries teaches servant leadership because authority in the Kingdom follows the pattern of Jesus Christ. The Lord did not lead through selfish ambition or the pursuit of status. He humbled Himself, washed feet, cared for the vulnerable, spoke truth, and gave His life for others. Christian leaders must first be disciples: formed in character, accountable to Scripture, teachable in spirit, and willing to serve. Ministry is not ownership of God's people; it is stewardship under the Chief Shepherd.

Believers are also citizens and ambassadors of the Kingdom of God. We are not called merely to wait for heaven while living without purpose on earth. We represent the King now. We proclaim the Gospel, make disciples, practice mercy, strengthen families, serve neighbors, seek justice, and bear faithful witness in every sphere of life. Kingdom authority never excuses pride or harshness; it deepens responsibility. The greatest in Christ's Kingdom follows the way of the Servant King.

THE BLESSED HOPE

Our hope is both present and future. Christ now dwells in His people, yet we still await His glorious appearing, the resurrection, the renewal of creation, and the everlasting Kingdom. This expectation does not make disciples passive. It makes them watchful, holy, courageous, diligent, and faithful. We prepare for the coming of Christ by belonging wholly to Him today, completing the work placed in our hands, loving one another sincerely, and encouraging one another to endure.

Hope of Glory Ministries welcomes the new believer who needs a foundation, the growing Christian who longs for maturity, the servant preparing for leadership, and the seasoned disciple seeking renewed clarity and hope. Come with an open Bible and a teachable heart. Read slowly. Pray honestly. Test every lesson by the Word of God. Allow the Holy Spirit to turn instruction into transformation and transformation into a life that shines before others. Soli Deo Gloria - to God alone be the glory.

For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. - Romans 11:36 (KJV)

INTRODUCTION

THE FATHER'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

Jesus Christ is not one subject among many. He is the center, the standard, and the destination of the whole Christian life.

BEFORE THERE WAS A MINISTRY

Before there was a ministry, there was a purpose. Before there was a Church, there was a purpose. Before there was Israel, there was a purpose. Before there was Adam, there was a purpose. Before there was creation itself, there was a purpose. Scripture reveals that the Father purposed all things in His Son before the foundation of the world. Hope of Glory Ministries does not seek to invent a new message. It is an invitation to behold the eternal message of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

The entire biblical story finds its unity in Him. Creation came through Him. Promise pointed toward Him. The law and the prophets prepared the way for Him. Redemption was accomplished through His cross and resurrection. The Spirit glorifies Him. The Church is His Body. The Kingdom belongs to Him. History moves toward His appearing, and eternity will display His glory. This introduction explains the purpose of the ministry and the path traced through its books.

WHY HOPE OF GLORY?

The ministry's name is drawn from Colossians 1:27: 'Christ in you, the hope of glory.' These words declare both a present reality and a future promise. Through salvation, believers are joined to Christ and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. His life begins to work within them, renewing the mind, correcting the heart, producing spiritual fruit, and shaping them into His likeness. The Christian life is not sustained by human strength alone; it is Christ living in His people by the power of the Spirit.

The hope is also future. We await the appearing of Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the dead, the restoration of creation, and the Kingdom without end. Holding the present and future together keeps disciples from two errors: a faith concerned only with present success and a faith that speaks of eternity while neglecting present obedience. The hope of glory gives strength for today, direction for service, and confidence for tomorrow.

A RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Hope of Glory Ministries is a religious educational ministry serving the wider Body of Christ. It is not built primarily around the pattern of a traditional local church. Its purpose is to provide ordered biblical teaching that helps disciples understand what they believe, why it matters, and how truth must shape worship, character, family, stewardship, leadership, service, and hope. It seeks to support believers, households, teachers, and ministries with resources that keep Christ central and Scripture authoritative.

Education here is never separated from devotion. Every lesson should lead back to worship. Every doctrine should produce faithful living. Every call to ministry should begin with humility. Readers are invited to open the Scriptures, examine each passage, pray for understanding, and allow the Holy Spirit to search the heart. Human teachers may organize, explain, and encourage, but they cannot replace the Word of God or the ministry of the Spirit.

THE FOUNDATION AND THE HOUSE

The series begins with the Father's eternal purpose and Jesus Christ as the Chief Cornerstone. 'For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.' No lasting life, family, church, or ministry can be built apart from Him. Christ is not one subject among many; He is the center, standard, source, and destination of the whole Christian life. The Father is building a spiritual house, and believers are living stones shaped and joined together in the Son.

From the foundation, the library considers the ordering of God's house. Christ is the Head of the Church and Chief Shepherd of His people. Disciples must be formed before leaders are commissioned. True authority is expressed through holiness, accountability, sound doctrine, care for Christ's sheep, unity, and a willingness to serve rather than seek status.

CHRIST FORMED IN HIS PEOPLE

The journey then moves inward: Christ formed in you. Grace not only forgives; grace trains and transforms. The Holy Spirit renews the mind, reveals the identity of believers in Christ, produces the fruit of holy character, and restores the image of the Son. The recurring movement is identity, transformation, and manifestation: who we are in Christ, how the Spirit changes us, and how the life of Jesus becomes visible through love, holiness, endurance, courage, generosity, disciplined speech, and obedience.

This higher calling cannot be reached through self-improvement. Believers must abide in the True Vine. The Spirit supplies power, gives understanding, distributes gifts, strengthens prayer, and enables witness. Spiritual maturity is not measured merely by what a person knows or how publicly a person serves. It is revealed by faithfulness, humility, love, purity, teachability, and perseverance. Christ is the pattern, and conformity to His image is the goal.

STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE

Everything belongs to God. Time, resources, relationships, opportunities, influence, and spiritual gifts are entrusted to us for His purposes. This conviction brings discipleship into ordinary life. The household becomes a place where truth is modeled and passed forward. Work becomes an arena for integrity. Money becomes a trust to be handled wisely and generously. Influence becomes a responsibility to point people toward Christ rather than toward self.

Faithful stewardship reaches beyond the present generation. What is learned should be lived, taught, and passed forward while continuing to point others to Jesus Christ. The ministry seeks a godly inheritance that strengthens families, serves communities, and edifies the Body of Christ.

THE KINGDOM AND THE KING

Believers are citizens of heaven and ambassadors of the Kingdom of God. The gospel calls us to represent the King in the present world. We proclaim reconciliation, speak truth in love, practice mercy, serve neighbors, make disciples, and demonstrate the character of Christ. Kingdom authority never permits pride; it increases responsibility. The King we represent is the Lamb who was slain and the Lion who reigns, the Servant who washed feet and the Lord before whom every knee shall bow.

The library ends where the biblical story is moving: the return of Christ, the resurrection, the restoration of all things, and God's everlasting dwelling with His people. The Blessed Hope is a summons to readiness. Those who expect the King hold His truth, love His people, complete their assignments, and watch with hope. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

AN INVITATION TO THE JOURNEY

This library is for the new believer seeking a foundation, the growing disciple desiring maturity, the servant preparing for leadership, the family longing to build a godly inheritance, and the seasoned Christian needing renewed clarity and hope. It should be read slowly, prayerfully, and with an open Bible. The purpose is not to finish pages quickly but to allow truth to take root and bear fruit.

May every reader know Christ more deeply, grow in wisdom, steward faithfully, and serve others in love. May the Word correct, strengthen, and renew. May the Holy Spirit form the character of Jesus within His people. May families be strengthened, communities be served, the Church be edified, and the Gospel be proclaimed. To God alone be the glory.

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