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Greetings of God's Peace to all,

The Word of God gives us hope and joy of our salvation as the Apostle Peter in his first letter gives the blessing and glory to God who is the author of our salvation.

I Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

The salvation of our souls was in place from the foundation of the world. It was God's plan along with Jesus Christ the King of Kings before God even created man from the dust of the earth. It shows the great love and mercy of our heavenly Father. This is the lively hope we have today in the midst of trials and pestilences such as the coronavirus. We know our sin debt has been paid by Christ's death on the cross and by His resurrection He overcame death for us.

We know that it is not our strength that is going to get us to heaven but it is the Grace and power of God. God gave us the power to become the sons of God as Apostle John writes in John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

God gave us the power to repent, confess our sins and faith to believe on Jesus Christ. God is the one who prepared our hearts and gave us unto Jesus Christ to wash us clean with his Precious Shed Atoning Blood, and clothe us with His righteousness and perfection that we do not remain naked.

Jesus also has given us hope and peace in the following verses when he spoke to his disciples. John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you, Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 14:13-14 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. We have these precious promises from God's Word to protect us and strengthen us as we sojourn in this world to our heavenly home. Let us pray and be watchful for the coming of the Bride Groom is getting near.

I will close with this verse from I Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, Casting all you care upon Him for He careth for you.

Let us not be fearful but continue to believe Christ will bring us safely to our eternal home as He has promised.

May God's Peace abide within our hearts.
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