

to: sinner@kingdomofdarkness.com. When we received Jesus Christ as our Saviour, our new address became saved@kingdomoftheSon.com. That means new life and new hope.

In Philippians 3:20 Paul declared that we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. Therefore, we are encouraged to live as God's holy people, residents of light.

We are no longer obligated to live under the rules and power of our old address (Romans 6:11-14). Our old address is declared inoperative, and our new address has been activated by the power of the Holy Spirit. That means we have supernatural power to live like residents of our new community.

Because we have a new address, it is only considerate to inform others of the change. We can tell them over a meal. We can communicate the change to them by telephone, letter, or e-mail. We can tell them during a game of golf or on a long run. What they do with the new address information is up to them. But we sure want them to have the hope that we have.

Not only is it considerate to tell the people we love, of our change of address, it is our privilege. Ask God for courage to tell people in your life of your new hope. He is Jesus Christ.

## REFLECTION

- To whom will I communicate my hope in the next 3 to 6 months?
- How can I live more like a citizen of heaven today?

**Jesus Christ—our only hope.**



# Central Mountains Baptist Church

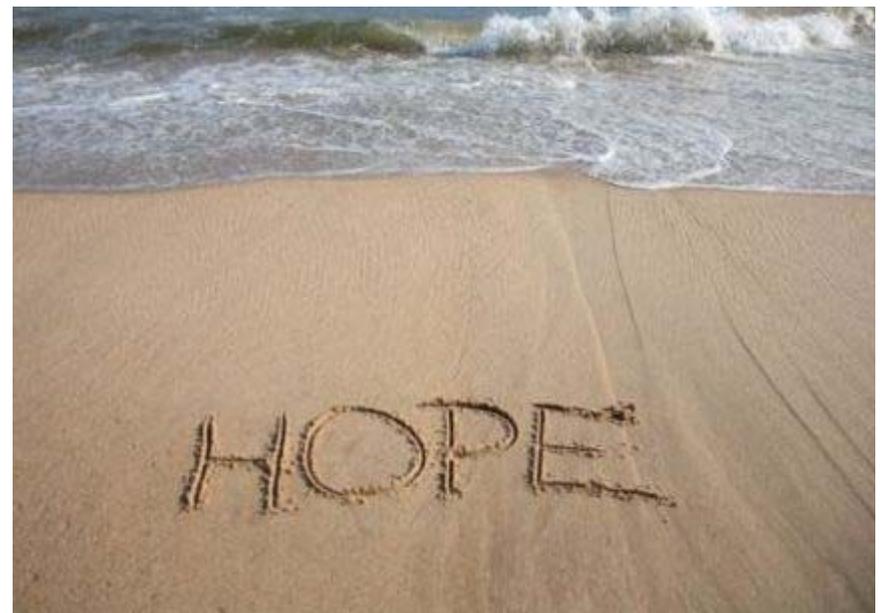
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### Change of Address Notice

If you are anything like me, at least once a month you get a change of e-mail address notice from someone. It goes something like this:

I will no longer be receiving mail at wayne@inthepast.com. My new address will be wayne@futurehope.com. Thank you for making a note of this change. This will help us stay connected to each other.

In Colossians 1:9-14, Paul said that believers have a new address. We have been transplanted, by the grace of God, into a new community—that changes everything. We were rescued from the kingdom of darkness and brought into the kingdom of His dear Son. Our mail used to be addressed



# Insights for Living Maintaining Hope



Philippians 3:12-16 describes 4 processes that will be part of going on in the Christian life:

## 1. Beware \_\_\_\_\_, verses 17-19

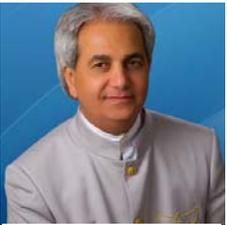
There are five characteristics of these men:

### #1. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_, verse 18

**(Matthew 16:24)** "... If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

**(Matthew 7:15)** ""Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."

**(Acts 20:29-30)** ""For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. {30} "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves."



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**(1 John 4:1)** "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

**(2 Peter 2:1)** "But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, ..."

**(Jude 1:4)** "For certain men have crept in unnoticed, ..., ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ."

**(Acts 20:31)** ""Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears."

### #2. A dreadful \_\_\_\_\_, verse 19

### #3. \_\_\_\_\_ driven, verse 19

**(1 Timothy 6:5)** "useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself."

**(Jude 1:16)** "These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage."

**(Jude 1:19)** "These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit."

### #4. \_\_\_\_\_, verse 19

### #5. Emphasise \_\_\_\_\_, verse 19

**(1 John 2:15)** "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

**(Colossians 2:21-22)** ""Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," {22} which



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all concern things which perish with the using; according to the commandments and doctrines of men?"

## 2. Look \_\_\_\_\_, verses 12-14, 20-21

Paul mentions five reasons for \_\_\_\_\_,

### #1. \_\_\_\_\_, verse 12

### #2. \_\_\_\_\_, verse 13

**(Revelation 7:15-17)** ""Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. {16} "They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; {17} "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.""

### #3. Going \_\_\_\_\_, verse 14

**(1 Thessalonians 4:17-18)** "Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. {18} Therefore comfort one another with these words."

**(1 Thessalonians 4:16)** "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first."

**(Titus 2:11-13)** "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, {12} teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live ..godly in the present age, {13} looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,"

### #4. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_, verse 20

**(John 14:1-3)** ""Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. {2} "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. {3} "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

**(Romans 8:25)** "But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance."

**(1 Corinthians 1:7)** "so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,"

**(Galatians 5:5)** "For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith."

**(Hebrews 9:28)** ".. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."

### #5. \_\_\_\_\_,

### verse 21

**(1 John 3:2)** ".. we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

**(Revelation 22:3-4)** "And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. {4} They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads."

**(Hebrews 6:19-20)** "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, ..

