



# HOPE OF ETERNAL FELLOWSHIP

# OUR ETERNAL HOPE

- 1 Cor 15:19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
- 1 Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—<sup>2</sup> in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,



# OLD TESTAMENT

## IMAGERY

- Isa 11:6 The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;  
and a little child will lead them.  
7 The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.  
8 The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the  
viper's nest.  
9 They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of  
the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.



## ISAIAH 11

- <sup>12</sup> He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.
- <sup>13</sup> Ephraim's jealousy will vanish, and Judah's enemies will be destroyed; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, nor Judah hostile toward Ephraim.



## ISAIAH 2

- <sup>3</sup> Many peoples will come and say,
- “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the temple of the God of Jacob.  
He will teach us his ways,  
so that we may walk in his paths.”  
The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- <sup>4</sup> He will judge between the nations  
and will settle disputes for many peoples.  
They will beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war anymore.



# JOHN 14

- “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.”



# 1 THESSALONIANS

- <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.



# REVELATION 21

- Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”



- Eternity seems to fundamentally be a relational reality
- The most perfect fellowship
- Fulfill our core reality



- <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

