

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

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Beauty for Ashes
Isaiah 61:1-3 NIV





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What's Hope Got To Do With It ?

OBJECTIVE

To share with you
how...

Christ came to set us free
Christ came to redeem us
Christ came to bring us hope
Christ came to give us beauty instead
of ashes

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You are “Anointed ~ Blessed” by God To:

Discern the truth – 1 John 2:27

Do not be deceived. Be encouraged and strengthened.

Testify of the truth – 1 John 5:6

Have confidence in what you have been taught.

Live Righteously – Romans 8:4

We no longer walk or live in the flesh.

Bear spiritual fruit – Galatians 5:22-23

We are recognized by the fruit we bear.

Pray – Romans 8:39

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ Jesus.



How can we minister to the brokenhearted?

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

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Representations of Ashes

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 - Loss of a loved one
 - Bad relationships
 - Loss of employment
 - Feeling of betrayal and/or abuse
 - Fear of the unknown
 - Unfavorable medical report

Biblical References

2 Samuel 13:19 Tamar in distress

Jonah 3:5-7 Repentance from one's own sin



What's Hope Got To Do With It?

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- - Hope is healthy
 - Hope is strength
 - Hope is healing
 - Hope is direction
 - Hope is power
 - Hope is a motivator
 - Hope is necessary





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