

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

On June 22, 2012, we received the following inquiry:

“I do not understand that all Christians have the heavenly hope. Remember Jesus said in Matthew 5:5 Some shall inherit the earth. and in Mark 10:30 eternal life.”

To the author, we thank you for posting your question. We are aware that this is the current understanding of Jehovah’s Witnesses. And we accept that you share that understanding. However, the purpose of this site is to advance the understanding of our brothers and sisters to one more closely aligned with the hope taught by Jesus and the apostles. We believe if you read the articles on this site, you will be pleasantly moved in that direction.

Rather than reiterate what we have already written, we direct you to the following articles: **Who are Led by Spirit?, Moving Forward in Faith, Hold Fast to the Sacred Secret, and The Cherished Earthly Hope.** Every one of these articles show, based on an abundance of scriptural evidence, that the Father holds out to all mankind the hope of everlasting life with Him in the heavens.

We know this understanding is revolutionary to our fellowship, which is why in the we suggest that you read the foundation article series first. Many of our brothers and sisters have spent so many years with an incomplete understanding that it will take a bit of deconstruction to reveal the true hope.

In the meantime, we will give you some ‘scriptures for thought.’

“I am pursuing down toward the goal for the **prize of the upward call** of God by means of Christ Jesus. **Let us, then, as many of us as are mature**, be of this mental attitude; and **if you are mentally inclined otherwise in any respect, God will reveal the above [attitude] to you.**” – *Colossians 3:14-15*

“Keep your minds fixed on the things above, **not on the things upon the earth.**” – *Colossians 3:2*

“For **all** who are led by God’s spirit, these are God’s sons.” – *Romans 8:14*

“You are **all, in fact**, sons of God through your faith in Christ Jesus.” – *Galatians 3:26*

Jesus prepared a place in heaven for all of us who exercise faith in him and in the Father:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Exercise faith in God, exercise faith also in me. In the house of my Father **there are many abodes. Otherwise, I would have told you,** because I am going my way to prepare a place for you. Also, if I go my way and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you home to myself, **that where I am you also may be.** And where I am going you know the way.” – *John 16:1-4*

If only 144,000 were to follow Jesus into the heavens, and the vast majority were not, **surely** Jesus would have told us.

Since you already accept the Father’s invitation of sonship, that is good news to us. If the Father has chosen to accept many others, let us rejoice together. You may find the article **The Glorious Heavenly Hope** a source of encouragement as you ready yourself for your heaven-bound journey.

“Elaia Luchnia”
