



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

The God of Hope... By Norah

- **N**ow may the God of hope, fill you with all peace and joy in believing so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - Origin of “abound.”: Middle English (in the sense ‘overflow, be abundant’): from Old French *abunder*, from Latin *abundare* ‘overflow’, from *ab-* ‘from’ + *undare* ‘surge’ (from *unda* ‘a wave’).
 - *Romans 5:4: And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.*
 - *Romans 8:23,24: And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.*
 - We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don’t need to hope for it).
 - In believing.
 - *Col. 2:9-12: For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. (NASB)*

Who is your God? What follows is a description of my God. Can you say the same of your God?

Old Testament

- *Psalms 4:1* : God of my righteousness
- *Psalms 2:8* : God of my life
- *Psalms 43:2* : God of my strength
- *1 Chron. 16:35* : God of our salvation
- *Psalms 109:1* : God of my praise
- *Nehemiah 9:17* : God of forgiveness, gracious and compassionate
- *Psalms 94:1* : God of vengeance

WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

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Old Testament (Contd)

- *Isaiah 30:18* : God of justice
- *Jeremiah 51:56* : God of recompense
- *Psalms 68:20* : God of deliverances
- *Deut. 32:4* : A God of faithfulness
- *1 Sam 2:3* : A God of knowledge
- *Psalms 31:5* : God of truth
- *Psalms 29:3* : God of glory

Events /Notices

- ▶ **4 evenings of prayer** will commence this Sunday the 22nd of Sept @ 7pm. If Wednesday is not your day, maybe Sunday, Monday or Tuesday could work!!!
- ▶ **What's the story Gospel outreach** is scheduled for next Saturday evening the 28th of September @ 7:00 pm in the Academy Plaza hotel. Come and listen to how God changed lives by His power and for His Glory.
- ▶ **Roland LeHousse** from Good foundations will be ministering the Word on Sunday the 7th of October.

Extra Services

If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:

▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3-7 years old in the Crèche (as arranged).

▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. (Psalms 34:11)

▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it (*Hebrews 13:2*).