My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Isaiah 40:31

As we move closer and closer to the swearing-in of the next president, very little is being spoken in the usual places where such a serious event would normally dominate conversations. Half of the country is feeling trepidation, while the other half is jubilant. However, very few are hopeful. Very few see any serious political activities that will bring the country together or give hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Some have resigned themselves to the inevitable. Some have chosen to ignore what is going on, retreating to their little caves to ride it out. Yet, there are those who have decided to *"Let Go and Let God."* These individuals have not given up. They have not given in. They realize they are not in control, so they have placed their trust in God.

Letting go is not quitting. Letting go does not mean you agree with what is happening. Letting go doesn't mean you believe things are necessarily going to change or that you can change them. Letting go means you have come to grips with your own limitations and are trusting in the power and might of God.

Trusting in the power and might of God is the foundation of Christian hope. There are other kinds of hope, but none compare to Christian hope. What makes Christian hope different from all others?

Christian hope is anchored in the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This hope relies wholly and completely on the promises of God, not on human effort.

1. **Christian hope has an eternal perspective.** Our hope looks beyond the present moment into eternity. It does not dwell in the past or future but lives firmly in the knowledge that the promises of God are sure. This assurance is given in John 3:16.
2. **Christian hope promises transformation** for those who believe and align their lives with the Word of God in Christ. However, salvation is not just individual; it is for all of creation, as described in Romans 8:19-21.
3. **Christian hope is unshakable** because it is rooted in the promises and character of God. Hebrews 6:19 says, *"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain."*

4. **Finally, we reinforce each other's hope when we come together in worship.** Our faith builds and strengthens the faith of those whose hope may be under attack.

As we face uncertain times, *letting go* is not giving up; it is surrendering control and trusting in the power of God. Letting go acknowledges that, in every situation, God is in control. Christian hope stands apart because it is anchored in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is rooted in God's promises and focused on eternal transformation. This hope transcends human effort and offers the assurance of God's unshakable love and purpose.

Letting go acknowledges our limitations while embracing God's sovereignty. In times of challenge, His power is unmatched, and His plans will prevail.

Blessings,

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