

Bermudian Church of the Brethren

WEDNESDAY'S WORD – a midweek thought from Pastor Larry M. Dentler
to share a word of inspiration ... encouragement ... challenge ... a smile ... in the middle of your week
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Hoping For Hair

My six month old grandson Jaxsen is bald as a billiard ball! Just a little dark fuzz covers his head. The boy is a big boy. I'm just envisioning a new Bermudian Springs Eagles lineman in a few years. And he has a big head ... more room for all those Dentler brains! And that head is bald! When people meet him and hold him, and he's the best snuggler, everyone wants to rub his head. His bald head.

Now lately his Meema (Cathy) and his Momma (Jes) have been under this grand illusion that Jaxsen is growing hair. Every day I hear, "Oh, his hair is really growing." "You can sure see his hair beginning to grow now." "Oh his hair has gotten much fuller."

No! It hasn't! My little buddy is bald ... and that's OK! I've no doubt that he will eventually grow hair. His mother has beautiful hair, and his brother, Jericho, also has a full head of great curls. Jaxsen will have hair. We are assured in that hope! Just not yet. He's bald!

The Bible teaches that we have assurance in our hope in Christ. Maybe you are going through a difficult time right now. Maybe you are struggling with health issues. Maybe you are facing problems for which there seem to be no answers. Maybe the bottom has fallen out. You can have hope in Christ! But how, Larry? I can't see or touch Jesus? How can I hope in Him? Because we have the record, the testimony, and promise after promise after promise of the Bible, has been fulfilled. Promises kept! Hope fulfilled! So when the Lord says **He will always be with you** (Matthew 28:20) ... Hope! When the promise is that **the Lord will never leave nor forsake you** (Hebrews 13:5) ... Hope! When we read the promise that **all things work together for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose** (Romans 8:28) ... Hope! The promise of forgiveness! The promise of salvation! The promise of Heaven! As sure as the hair will grow on baby Jaxsen's head ... the Lord loves you and is going to see you through whatever you are facing and fulfill every promise He has made to you! That's a promise! That's hope you can be sure of!

"We were saved to have this hope. If we can see what we are waiting for, that is not really hope. People don't hope for something they already have. But we are hoping for something we don't have yet, and we are waiting for it patiently."

Romans 8:24-25 ERV

"For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding 'Yes!'"

1 Corinthians 1:20 NLT

Hoping in Jesus! And hoping for hair! Pastor Larry <><