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Do you get excited about birthdays? Most of us look forward to birthdays and birthday parties. We get excited as we think about the presents we'll get or the party we'll enjoy. One of the great things about birthdays is you don't have to do anything to earn them. They come around every year. You can count on it.

The Bible says heaven is far better than any birthday, because we'll get to be with Jesus forever. Jesus is the greatest treasure of all. That's why the gospel is the greatest news of all. The good news of the gospel is that if we trust in Jesus, God will forgive our sins and give us the gift of eternal life in heaven.

When we know and believe this truth it fills us with **a living hope** - the hope of eternal life. This isn't a wishful thinking kind of hope like, "I hope it's sunny tomorrow." This is a you-can-count-on-it kind of hope. You can know you are going to heaven because you don't have to do anything to earn it. God has saved you **according to his great mercy**, not your good works. If you are a Christian you have been **born again**, you've been given new spiritual life **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ**.

What a wonderful promise for everyone who is trusting in Christ! But how does this help us in our daily life? Knowing this truth gives us unshakable hope for the future. No matter what happens in life we can count on the fact that we will spend eternity with God in heaven. We can face life's difficulties knowing that everything will be all right in the end.