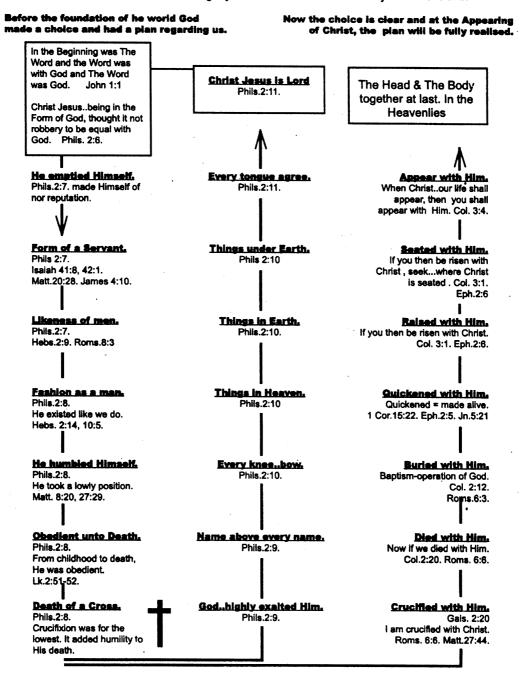
HOPE is an expectation based upon God's Word.

God has directed our minds to a future condition and place. He has promised us new bodies and has clearly told us where we will be in glory. The Church Israel, have been promised a portion of the earth. The Church which is His Body is destined for a different place. It was part of a purpose God had before the foundation of the world. We can find out exactly where this place is by following the descent and ascent of our Saviour and Head Christ Jesus. The Church which is His Body has been united with Christ through a baptism not made with hands. We are not united with Him in His descent, but from His crucifixion to glory we are "with Him" in God's eyes. Believe this.



During the Gospels and Acts period, Gentile believers were united with Christ but only as far as the earth (resurrected to meet Him as He descends, see 1 Thess.4), because they were blessed with faithful Abraham who was promised the earth. But after Israel were put aside at Acts 28, after their Temple was destroyed, The Lord revealed to Paul the present administration in which Jew and Gentile are joint members of the Body of Christ.