

Christ, Our Better Hope

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Hebrews 7:1-19

Better? How much better does it get than better turned best!

On a September day in 1739 John listened with surprise and delight. His mother, well-versed, bright, and religiously disciplined shared what he did not yet know. Susanna Wesley spoke from her heart. She told John that she had not before understood that forgiveness of sins could be experienced in this life. She had not grasped that God's Spirit could speak assurance within a person's own spirit that one is a child of God. Then came beautiful words to John Wesley's ears: "Two or three weeks ago, while my son was pronouncing those words in delivering the cup to me, 'The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee,' the words struck through my heart, and I knew God for Christ's sake, had forgiven me all my sins."*

That heart-warming personal assurance John had found more than a year before in his Aldersgate Street experience was now his mother's too!

Faith alive. Through the Christ-hope, we are enabled to "draw near to God."

*E. Michael and Sharon Rusten, *The One Year Book of Christian History*, Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2003, 294-295.

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