

*We know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. (1 John 3:2-3, NIV)*

## **The Flame of Hope**

The beauty of Christ and our hope in Him causes the world to fade away. What are the world and all its short-lived attractions in comparison to an eternity of oneness with Christ and rich life in Him?

Such a hope inflames us with the love of God. His love is a consuming fire that burns to ashes everything that is contrary to it. Once our souls are lit by this flame, how can we but long to live constantly, forever in His presence?

His burning love kindles within us a holy hunger, a sanctified eagerness, and an unquenchable passion to see God loved, known, served, and worshiped by all His creatures.

**Hymn: [Not I, but Christ](#)**

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