

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“The Gift of True Happiness”

“Can We Talk About Christmas” – Pt. 3

Titus 2:11-15 & Selected

Christmas hope is the anticipated joy and happiness that comes from having our greatest desires and dreams met by God!

Because of Christmas...

I. I have a salvation that is by grace alone!

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.”

Vs. 11

“For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

II. I have a hope that purifies my life!

“...training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.” Vs. 12

“And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.”

1 John 3:3

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” Matthew 5:8

“And now, dear children, continue in Him, so that when He appears we may be confident and unashamed before Him at His coming.”

1 John 2:28 NIV

III. I can find happiness even when my heart is heavy!

"...waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." Vs. 13

What's Wrong with the World Today?

1. Jesus and the Church need to be together!

2. Satan and his demons need to be locked up!

3. Jesus, our King, needs to be on His throne!

IV. I can live my life as a happy member of God's family!

"...who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession." Vs. 14a

See 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

V. I can find true happiness as I live my life's purpose!

"...who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works." Vs. 14

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10