The Mystery of Christmas- Our Hope Hope: A Christmas Series New Hope Community Church Colossians 1 December 12, 2021

- I. God's promise of Immanuel is filled full in His church (1:24-29)
 - A. Paul's sufferings are a fulfillment of God's promise to Him (Acts 9:16)
 - B. Our hope is that Christ is <u>in us</u> (1:27)
- He qualified us to be heirs (12) He delivered us from darkness (13)
- Made us citizens of His Kingdom (13) He redeemed us with forgiveness (14)
- He reconciled us (22) He made us holy (22)
- II. As the church gets to know Christ, God uses it to proclaim Him (Col 1:28-29)
- He is Lord of the original creationHe is God in the fleshHe is the redeeming sacrifice
- III. The Church of God is <u>connected</u> through this Hope (1:3-6)
 - A. Hope brings love
 - B. Paul loved this church even though he never met them

Questions to Reflect on:

- 1. Does Christ live in you?
- 2. Are we proclaiming Him?
- 3. Are we living this hope in our love toward one another?

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Life Group Discussion Questions Week of December 12, 2021

Read Colossians 1 together.

1. What is the mystery and meaning of Emmanuel? (Matthew 1:22-23 & Isaiah 8:7-10)

2. We have peace with God and are reconciled to Him by what? (Colossians 1:20)

3. What is the mystery concerning the Gentiles and the hope of glory? (Colossians 1:27)

How can we pray for you this week?