

A Simple & Sacred Christmas

Part I; November 30, 2025

“First Sunday of Advent: Hope”

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. – Isaiah 9:2 (NLT)

The Hope of Christmas is the revelation of God’s _____!

God has not _____ you!

Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? **But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.**
– Isaiah 49:15-16 (NLT)

God has not _____ you!

Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close. – Psalm 27:10 (NLT)

God has not _____ on you!

“Come now, let’s settle this,” says the LORD. **“Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.”** – Isaiah 1:18 (NLT)

The Hope of Christmas is _____ in a God who is _____ than our circumstances!

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

– Romans 15:13 (NLT)

We put our hope in the LORD. He is our help and our shield. – Psalm 33:20 (NLT)

The Hope of Christmas trusts that God, who is with me _____, holds my _____ as well!

For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” – Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

The Hope of Christmas is not a feeling, a wish, or a way of thinking. It is a _____!

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, **“I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”** – John 8:12 (NLT)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! **In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.** – 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)