

Christmas Service

Hope

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1 Peter 1:3-9 (AMP) “Blessed [gratefully praised and adored] be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant and boundless mercy has caused us to be born again [that is, to be reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for His purpose] to an ever-living hope and confident assurance through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”

3 THINGS THAT JESUS WANTS TO GIVE US TODAY THROUGH HOPE:

1. BECAUSE JESUS IS OUR HOPE HE BRINGS JOY

- 1.1** Joy is something we have inside of us irrespective of what happens around us.
- 1.2** Joy is something that we grow when we allow Holy Spirit to teach us how to be more like Jesus.
- 1.3** When Jesus was born and prophesy was fulfilled, there was hope in the hearts of the people of God.

Luke 2: 8-11 “That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!”

2. BECAUSE JESUS IS OUR HOPE IT ALLOWS US TO SEE

Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].”

- 2.1.** Hope gives us the ability trust God.

3. BECAUSE JESUS IS OUR HOPE HE WANTS TO GIVE US PEACE

Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

- 3.1. God wants you to live in His peace.
- 3.2. He wants our lives to be whole and complete.

Sermon Discussion Guide

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OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

- 1. Is Christmas a difficult time for you? Why is it difficult?
- 2. Do you sometimes feel hopeless?
- 3. Do you believe that you can find hope in Christ?
- 4. Do you remember the day Jesus stepped into your life? How did He change your life?