"Hope in a Hopeless World"

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:12-13; Titus 2:11-13

ADVENT SERIES 2026 – "HE HAS COME"

Experiencing the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of Jesus

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ACT I – The Expectation – Isa 11:1-10

- **Scene 1 –** The _____ - *Humanity's Desperate Need*
- **Scene 2 –** The _____ - *God's Promise to a Hopeless World*

ACT II – The Arrival – Rom 15:12-13

- **Scene 1 –** The _____ - *The Prophecy Begins to be Fulfilled*
- **Scene 2 –** The _____ - *Three Transformative Biblical Truths*
    - Takeaway #1: Biblical hope is _____ in the Person of Jesus Christ. – Rom 15:12
        - 1 Ti 1:1; Heb 6:19-20; 13:8
    - Takeaway #2: Biblical hope _____ us to experience joy and peace regardless of our circumstances. – Rom 15:13
        - Rom 5:3-5; Hab 3:17-18; 1 Pet 1:6-9
    - Takeaway #3: Biblical hope is supernaturally _____ by the Holy Spirit. – Rom 15:13
        - Rom 8:15-17; Eph 1:13-14; Rom 8:26-28

ACT III – The Implications – Tit 2:11-13

- **Scene 1 –** The _____ - *The Prophecy Awaits its Ultimate Fulfillment*
    - Rom 8:23-25; 1 Cor 15:51-57; Rev 21:1-5
- **Scene 2 –** The _____ - *Three Practical and Measurable Calls to Action*
    - Call to Action #1: Redirect Your Hope
        - Identify one circumstance in which your hope has become dependent upon an earthly outcome. Surrender it to God in prayer each morning for the next seven days. *(Psa 62:5–6)*
    - Call to Action #2: Cultivate Your Hope
        - Spend the first ten minutes of each morning in Rom 15:13 and prayer. *(Rom 15:4)*

- Call to Action #3: Share Your Hope
    - Before next Sunday, intentionally reach out to one person who is struggling with discouragement and offer encouragement, prayer and the hope of Jesus Christ. *(1 Pet 3:15)*

- **Scene 3 –** The _____ - *Three Going Deeper Questions*
    - Going Deeper Q1: Where have I placed my hope?
        - If the earthly things in which I find security were taken away, how would that affect my hope?
        - What does my answer reveal about where my hope is truly anchored?
    - Going Deeper Q2: Am I experiencing the supernatural hope described in Romans 15:13?
        - What is the relationship between trusting God and experiencing an abundance of hope, joy and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit?
        - In what areas of my life do I need to trust Him more fully?
    - Going Deeper Q3: How does the anticipation of Christ's return influence the way I live today?
        - If I were to live with a greater awareness of the certainty of my eternal future, how might that change my priorities, my perspective on suffering and my response to life's uncertainties?

EPILOGUE – An Advent Prayer

- We rejoice! He has come. We take comfort! He is with us. We live in anticipation! He is coming again.

Closing Challenge

Imagine what would happen if the people of God were so firmly anchored in the promises of God and so filled with the hope of God that the people around them began asking where their hope came from.

In a world desperately searching for something reliable in which to place its hope, the Church has an incredible opportunity to point people toward Jesus Christ.

Earthly Hope	**Biblical Hope**
I hope my circumstances improve.	I know my Savior is returning.
I hope my body remains healthy.	I know I will receive a glorified body.
I hope to live a long life.	I know I have eternal life in Christ.
I hope my suffering eventually ends.	I know suffering will not have the final word.
I hope my best days are not behind me.	I know my greatest days are still ahead of me.