

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: A Thrill of Hope
Message: Hope that Gives Purpose
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Have you ever felt hopeless? If yes, what lead you to that place?

Do you know anyone that seems to be without hope right now?

In the first verse of **O Holy Night**, we read:

*“A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.”*

What does this mean to you personally?

What could it mean to someone that has fallen into hopelessness?

What about someone that is afraid to hope because they have been disappointed and don't want to risk feeling that again?

How is what Jesus offers different than other things people set their hope in?

Who could you pray for and reach out to that is in need of the hope Christ offers?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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O Holy Night

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night Divine.

And His name will be the hope of all the world.
Matthew 12:21 (NLT)

hope: approaching life with confidence that God will be with me and make good on His promises to me.

When we truly experience the hope that Jesus offers, it inspires us to live with a new purpose.

...your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10 (NIV)

O Holy Night (vs 3)

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is
our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.

A great example of this is in the New Testament letter to Philemon.

¹⁰ I appeal to you to show kindness to my child, Onesimus. I became his father in the faith while here in prison. ¹¹ Onesimus hasn't been of much use to you in the past, but now he is very useful to both of us. ¹² I am sending him back to you, and with him comes my own heart. ¹³ I wanted to keep him here with me while I am in these chains for preaching the Good News, and he would have helped me on your behalf. ¹⁴ But I didn't want to do anything without your consent. I wanted you to help because you were willing, not because you were forced. ¹⁵ It seems Onesimus ran away for a little while so that you could have him back forever. ¹⁶ He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother, especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, PAUL, WRITE THIS WITH MY OWN HAND: I WILL REPAY IT. AND I WON'T MENTION THAT YOU OWE ME YOUR VERY SOUL! ²⁰ Yes, my brother, please do me this favor for the Lord's sake. Give me this encouragement in Christ.

Philemon 1:10-20 (NLT)