

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Still
Message: The Hope of Christmas
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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Make a list of the things people tend to put their hope in. Be specific and don't hold back.

Which of these do you identify with?

When you think of truly placing your hope in Jesus (see the definition in the message notes), how does that compare to where you think others place their hope?

What is one way that fully trusting Jesus would change how you live today?

Last question:

Who are five people you will invite to join an on-campus, online, or on-demand service during December?

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version
NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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“The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.”

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hope: approaching life with confidence that God is with me and will make good on His promises.

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

Hope is not blind to, or blinded by, problems and evil of the past, present, or future.

Hope faces reality by seeing everything through the lens of confidence in God, whose purposes and power are much bigger than our problems will ever be.

¹² ...remember that at that time you were separate from Christ...without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace...

Ephesians 2:12-14 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. ³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 5:1-5 (NLT)