



the **lake** church

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The BEST Christmas Present YOU can give this year? **HOPE**

1 Peter 1:3-5 \ Ps 30:5

The BEST way to dispel the dark? **LIGHT A CANDLE**

Jeremiah 29:11 / Isaiah 9:2 / 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 / Psalm 147: 11 / Romans 5:2-7 / 2
Corinthians 4:4, 6 / 2 Timothy 1:10 / Genesis 3:15

HOPE: Biblical definition: “an assured expectation.”

1. With HOPE – YOU can SEE LIGHT

Romans 15:12-13 / Psalm 119:105

2. HOPE - YOU can WAIT (patiently)

Psalm 40:1 / 2 Corinthians 5:17 / Galatians 2:20 / Romans 12:1-2 / Romans 12:10-13
/ Romans 8:24-25 / Hebrews 11:1 / Psalm 39:7 / Isaiah 40:31

3. With HOPE - YOU have something VALUABLE to give

Matt 5.13-16 / 1 Peter 3:15

4. With HOPE – YOU can have a BETTER Christmas!

“Hope is one of the theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is NOT (as some think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. IF you read history, you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were those who thought most of the next.”

-CS Lewis

1 Corinthians 13:13 (AMP)

“And now there remain: faith [abiding trust in God and His promises], hope [confident expectation of eternal salvation], love [unselfish love for others growing out of God’s love for me], these three [the choicest graces]; but the greatest of these is love.”