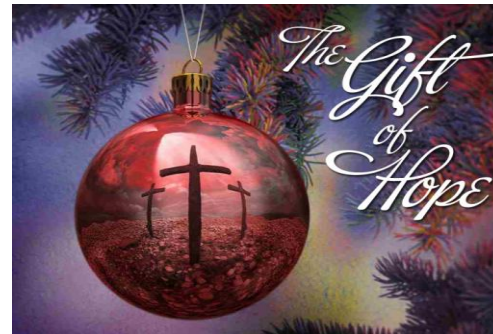


# Additional Notes:



Hope Is Born Series:  
Message #2  
Hope In The Darkness

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I Peter 1:4-9;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.**  
**Romans 15:13 (NIV)**

Biblical hope is a life changing certainty about the future...It is a confident expectation concerning the future that affects how you live now.

Review From Last Week:

## **Hope is a gift from God.**

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Romans 15:13 (NLT)

## **Hope is realized in Jesus Christ.**

To whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.  
Colossians 1:27 (NAS)

- **God doesn't waste a hurt.**
- **This life cannot take away the good things that God gives.**
- **The best is yet to come.**

## **Hope directs the focus of my life.**

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.  
I Peter 1:13 (NAS)

“THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Matthew 4:16-17 (NAS)

## The Hope I Have In Christ Enables Me To...

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ The Reality Of \_\_\_\_\_ In This World.

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, I Peter 1:6 (NAS)

#### A. I Have Reason To \_\_\_\_\_. In this you greatly rejoice...I Peter 1:6a (NAS)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time I Peter 1:3-5 (NAS)

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup>for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11 (NAS)

#### B. I Can Be \_\_\_\_\_ And \_\_\_\_\_. ...even though now, for a little while, you have been distressed by various trials. I Peter 1:6b (NAS)

#### C. I Know Suffering Has An \_\_\_\_\_. ...even though now, for a little while, you have been distressed by various trials. I Peter 1:6b (NAS)

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ The Truth That My \_\_\_\_\_ Has A \_\_\_\_\_.

So that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; I Peter 1:7 (NAS)

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup>And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup>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 5:3-5 (NLT)

### The foundation of my \_\_\_\_\_ is wherever I place my \_\_\_\_\_.

These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. I Peter 1:7 (NLT)

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18 (NAS)

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Christ.

You love Him even though you have never seen Him. Though you do not see Him now, you trust Him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. <sup>9</sup>The reward for trusting Him will be the salvation of your souls. I Peter 1:8-9 (NLT)

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; <sup>11</sup>order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3:13 (NAS)

“BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.” Matthew 1:23 (NAS)