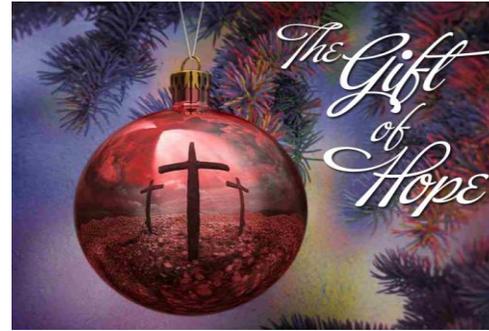


Additional Notes:



Hope Is Born Series:
Message #4

The Journey Of Hope

December 23, 2012
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Matthew 1:1-17

“The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity—hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory—because at the Father’s will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross.” (J.I. Packer)

Christmas Teaches That The Hope I Have In Christ Is...

1. Grounded In Good _____; Not Just Good _____.

The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: Matthew 1:1 (NAS)

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ²This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. ⁹And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰But 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; ¹¹for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:1-2; 9-11 (NAS)

2. The Basis Of Every Good _____ My Heart _____ For.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. ²⁰But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." ²²Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"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." ²⁴And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife, ²⁵but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.
Matthew 1:18-25 (NAS)

"The gospel is the ultimate story that shows victory coming out of defeat, strength coming out of weakness, life coming out of death, rescue from abandonment. And because it is a true story, it gives us hope because we know that life is really like that"

Timothy Keller – (King's Cross)

3. Inclusive Of _____ Like _____.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. ³Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram. ⁴Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon. ⁵Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse. ⁶Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah.
Matthew 1:2-6 (NAS)

And she will be a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21 (NAS)

The devil's specialty is to swarm in on people and hiss, 'You did it! You really messed up! If people only knew...You're not what you seem to be. Do you think you're going to get away with this?' And the devil's victims hardly feel like living. They feel unworthy to go to church. They avoid their Bibles. They see no hope of change. Satan wants to hide the fact that the mercy of God is for everyone who has messed up. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so are God's ways higher than ours (Isaiah 55:9). He delights in mercy. James writes, "Mercy triumphs over judgment" (2:13). God's specialty is forgiving and putting away people's sins from His sight. He delights in taking failures such as Judah and weaving them into the ancestry of His own Son, Jesus Christ."

Jim Cymbala – (Fresh Faith)

4. The Hope Of All _____ And The _____ To All My Fears.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Matthew 1:17 (NAS)

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. Matthew 11:28-28 (NAS)

"If we could condense all the truths of Christmas into only three words, these would be the words: 'God with us.' We tend to focus our attention at Christmas on the infancy of Christ. The greater truth of the holiday is His deity. More astonishing than a baby in the manger is the truth that this promised baby is the omnipotent Creator of the heavens and the earth!"
[John MacArthur]