

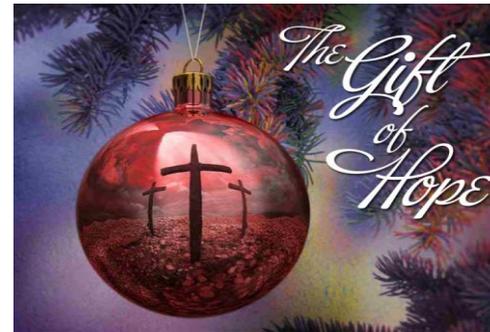
4. Expect _____ To _____ In My Life.

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6 (NAS)

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose. Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹²Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you,” declares the LORD... Jeremiah 29:11-14a (NIV)

Additional Notes:



Hope Is Born Series:
Message #5
Becoming A Hope
Filled Person

December 30, 2012
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Romans 15:13

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.

December 02 – The Gift Of Hope

- **Hope is a gift from God.**
- **Hope is realized in Jesus Christ.**
 - 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.**

December 09 – A Light In The Darkness

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

- **Endure The Reality Of Suffering In This World.**
 - I Have Reason To Rejoice.
 - I Can Be Honest And Real.
 - Suffering Has An Expiration Date.
- **Embrace The Truth That My Pain Has A Purpose.**
- **Experience The Presence Of Christ.**

December 16 - Defined By Hope

- **Loving and Serving God Does Not Exempt Me From Suffering.**
- **Faith Is Sustained By Hope.**
- **Hope Empowers Me To Speak God's Blessing To Others.**

December 23 - The Journey Of Hope

The Hope I Have In Christ Is...

- **Grounded In Good News; Not Just Good Advice.**
- **The Basis Of Every Good Story My Heart Longs For.**
- **Inclusive Of People Like Me.**
- **The Hope Of All Hopes And The Answer To All My Fears.**

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How Do I Live A Hope Filled Life?

1. Make The Daily _____ To _____ In God.

O LORD, I give my life to you. ²I trust in You, my God!... ⁴Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow. ⁵Lead me by Your truth and teach me, for You are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in You. ⁶Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and unfailing love, which you have shown from long ages past. Psalm 25:1-2b; 4-6 (NLT)

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)

2. Let God _____ You Through His _____.

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. ⁵May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:4-6 (NIV)

And now [brethren], I commit you to God [I deposit you in His charge, entrusting you to His protection and care]. And I commend you to the Word of His grace [to the commands and counsels and promises of His unmerited favor]. It is able to build you up and to give you [your rightful] inheritance among all God's set-apart ones (those consecrated, purified, and transformed of soul). Acts 20:32 (AMP)

That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. ¹⁸Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" ¹⁹And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. ²⁰Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. ²¹He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever He promises. Romans 4:17-21 (NLT)

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise. Hebrews 10:23 (NLT)

3. Refuse To _____ Time And Energy _____ For A _____ Life.

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:1-5 (NAS)

...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through Him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:11a-13 (NIV)