



CHRISTMAS A TIME OF HOPE – Christmas. 12/11/22.

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Intro.

The world needs HOPE!

Hope is a powerful word the Romans used. A word in Latin for hope means breath, to catch your breath when you are running in life with all the worries. It means to give oxygen to someone. Hope is a reality; hope is something that is real, hope is what keeps us going...

Only God can bring hope and new life out of dead situations

When Jesus was born, hope was born into this world.

Luke 1

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "For you have found favor with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

Job 8:13

¹³ those who forget God have no hope.

7 reasons why the Birth of Jesus is a time of HOPE:

1. A time of Hope Because He came to **save us** from our sins and the **emotional** oppression that humanity experienced

Matt. 1. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Luke 4:18 ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

2. A time of Hope Because He came to **show us the way** that we should take in Life.

Psalms 32:8. ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

3. A time of Hope because He came so you can be sure that He understands your **struggles**.

Heb. 4 ¹⁴ So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

Heb. 2 ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

4. A time of Hope because He came to **forgive** you.

John 8:3; 10-11 ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group

¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹ "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

5. A time of Hope because He came for **Love**.

1 Corinthians 13:13 ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Romans 5:7-8 ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

6. A time of Hope because He promises that all things will **work** for good for those who love Him.

Romans 8 ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him

7. A time of Hope because He will **finish** the work that He began in you

Philippians 1:6. ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Sermon Discussion Guide

The Christmas Time of Hope

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Hope sustains us through despair

Hope teaches that there is reason to rejoice even when all seems dark around us

and to all who suffer, to all who feel discouraged, worried or lonely, I say with love and deep concern for you never give in, never surrender, never allow despair to overcome your spirit. For the love of the son of God pierces all darkness, softens all sorrow and gladness every heart with HOPE

Let's Talk It Over.

1. Briefly share what the word "Hope" means to you.

2. Let's talk about your understanding of this verse

Job 8:13 Living Bible

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3. What is the difference between hope and faith?

4. What did you learn from this teaching this week? Share with your Life Group please