

What Hope is...

- wishful thinking
- encouragement
- trust
- core

Why do we need Hope?

- essential / abundant

God had a Plan.

1. people
2. equally
3. unimportant
4. little
5. Redeemer

Jesus our Hope

1. Counselor / love
- unconditional
2. control
- sovereignty
 - transformation
3. Father / promises
- believe
 - surprised
4. Prince / me
- SIN

Something is getting ready to Happen!

Part 2

“Hope”

Romans 15:12-13 NIV

“...Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.”

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.”

Introductory Statement

The Real Reason for Christmas, God so loved the world – by the way, it all starts with love – that he gave. You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving. God so loved the world that he gave the very first Christmas gift. The whole reason that we give gifts at Christmas is because God started this whole tradition of giving the first Christmas gift. And the first Christmas gift was God’s gift of his Son to you.

Isaiah 9:6 NIV

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

What Hope is...

•Most people understand hope as _____
_____.

Hebrews 11:1 Living Bible

"...it is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us,"

•The word **"hope"** is mentioned repeatedly throughout the Bible to bring _____ in the Lord.

•To hope in the Lord means that we are putting our _____ in Him.

Hope is a healthy attitude. Anticipating good brings comfort to the mind and heart. In contrast, a state of hopelessness is a terrible condition in which to find oneself

•Hope is at the _____ of who we are as followers of Jesus.

Romans 5:5 NIV

"And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

Christian hope is when God has promised that something is going to happen, and you put your trust in that promise.

Why do we need Hope?

• Hope is the _____ ingredient for an _____ life.

Romans 5:17 NCV

"Sin...But now those people who accept God's full grace and the great gift of being made right with him will surely have true life and rule through the one man, Jesus Christ."

God had a Plan

1. God is concerned about all _____ regardless of race, nationality, or status.

2. Men and women are both _____ important to God.

3. There is no such thing as an _____ person in God's eyes.

4. God uses "_____" things to accomplish great plans.

5. God has a _____ in place who can rescue us from the devastation of our own sin.

Romans 10:13 NCV

"as the Scripture says, "Anyone who calls on the Lord will be saved."

Jesus our Hope...

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1. Jesus as my _____ reveals God's _____ for me.

Romans 5:8 NIV

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

• Jesus came as the embodiment of God's _____ love.

John 3:16 AMP

"For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life. For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through him."

Jesus did not die just so we could get to heaven,

NO WAY!

Jesus died so that we can be with GOD!

It is about a RELATIONSHIP!

2. Jesus as the mighty God is in _____
of all things.

•One of the qualities of God that is most comforting to me is his

_____.

James 1:2-4 Message

"Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So, don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way."

•Remember there can be no _____ without
tribulation.

1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT

"There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. 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."

Not only did Jesus create the universe, He also sustains it!

1 Peter 5:7 NIV

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

3. Jesus as the everlasting _____
keeps His _____.

•You can _____ it!

Psalms 46:1-3 NIV

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride."

Isaiah 41:10 NASB

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely, I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand"

John 14:3 NASB

"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."

•When you believe that Jesus is the everlasting Father who keeps His promises, you will be _____ by hope.

4. Jesus as the _____ of Peace has made peace between God and _____.

•There is a price that needed to be paid for _____ to be forgiven.

Colossians 1:19-20 NIV

"For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."

The Swiss theologian Emil Brunner once said, "*What oxygen is to the lungs, such is hope for the meaning of human life.*"

The great news is that Jesus was born to die to take the punishment on himself on the Cross.