

sermon notes

HOPE

Part 1

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.”

Luke 2:8-10 NKJV

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Hebrews 6:19a NIV

May God, the source of hope, fill you with joy and peace through your faith in Him. Then you will overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 GWV

1. GOD'S _____

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

Psalms 62:5 NivUS

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14 NKJV

But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles . . .

Isaiah 40:31 NKJV

2. GOD'S _____

My soul faints with longing for your salvation, but I have put my hope in your word.

Psalms 119:81 NivUS

3. GOD'S _____

And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:2-5 NivUS

4. GOD'S _____

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV

5. GOD'S

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

Revelation 21:4 NKJV

But they were after a far better country than that—heaven country. You can see why God is so proud of them, and has a City waiting for them.

Hebrews 11:16 Message

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS

- Are you looking forward to the Christmas season? Are there aspects of the season you dread?
- Does the metaphor of hope as an anchor make sense to you? When you "hope" for something, is it a "wish" or an "anticipation" that the thing will happen?
- Review the 5 P's from Pastor Roy's message and discuss how each of them can lift our spirit in difficult times. Which one of these are you most likely to turn to when you are in a time of despair or a seemingly hopeless situation?
- Perhaps you know people for whom Christmas is a dark time, even depressing . . . what are some practical ways you could share this message of hope in a way that people can receive?

Personal Challenge

- As you prepare for the Christmas season, is there any aspect, tradition or routine where you need to change your priority or focus in order to experience hope rather than disappointment?
- Is there an area in your life right now where you need to re-anchor your perspective to line up with God's word, and His plan and direction for your life? How can you apply the concepts of God's presence, promise, process, purpose, or place to build hope in your life?

Notes



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