



HOPE

NATIONS WILL
COME TO YOUR LIGHT


—ISAIAH 60:3

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Sermon Title : **Jesus, the Hope of Glory**

Text : Matthew 1:18-25;
Romans 15:8-13



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13



COLLECT

Christmas Day

All praise to you, Almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin. Grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Introduction

When we believe & trust in Jesus, we experience God's love, joy, peace.

1. We have this Hope as a sure, strong & secure Anchor for our Soul.

"... you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins"
Matthew 1:20-21

"... in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy... in (Christ) will the Gentiles hope." Romans 15:8-9,12

"We have this (hope) as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain" Hebrews 6:19

2. We look forward to the Hope of eternal life and our Dwelling with God in heaven.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life... in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:16-17

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne..." Matthew 25:31-32

"... Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.... Behold, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:1-5

Conclusion

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope" Romans 15:13

Do not lose hope in life → Where there is God, there is Hope

"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation & my God." Psa 42:11

Scripture Text

Matthew 1:18-25

- 18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.
- 19** And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.
- 20** But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
- 21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."
- 22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
- 23** "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"(which means, God with us).
- 24** When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,
- 25** but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Romans 15:8-13

- 8** For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,
- 9** and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."
- 10** And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."
- 11** And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."
- 12** And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."
- 13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.