

## SERMON NOTES

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# CHRIST GIVES HOPE

*We will soon celebrate the birth of Jesus. Much of the world will miss the power of that event and exactly what it meant.*

*Luke 1: 78, 79 (NLT)* “Because of God’s tender mercy, the light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace.”

*Romans 15:12, 13 (NIV)* “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust him, so that you may

### overflow

with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

### HOPE IS FOUNDATIONAL

*1 Cor.13:13(NIV)* “Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

*Colossians 1:4, 5(NIV)* - “We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints – the faith and love that spring from hope.”

*What is true hope?  
The bible describes hope as a*

**‘ confident  
and patient**

***expectation of future good.’  
Many are losing hope today  
including too many Christians.  
Promises and dreams appear  
dead. People have often  
become disillusioned through  
misunderstanding God’s dealings  
in their lives.***

*Hosea 2:15(NLT)* “I will transform the valley of trouble into a

**doorway of hope.**”

## RESTORED HOPE

*Hope can be restored if lost.*

**Proverbs 13:12(NLT)** “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when dreams come true there is life and joy.”

## RETURN TO THE FORTRESS

**Zechariah 9:12 (NLT)** “Come back to the place of safety, all you prisoners, for there is yet hope! I promise this very day that I will repay you **two** mercies for each of your woes!”

**Bill Hybels** “Lost people can still be found and sick people can still be healed. The world is asking today, ‘Is this how it will all end? Is there no hope? Will war, poverty, and violence increase and keep on increasing?’” **“No! Christians, of all people, must traffic in the commodity called hope.”**

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