

THE HOPE OF *Christmas*

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Message Title: Christ Our Hope

Message Text: John 1:14, 29

Introduction:

Job 7:6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, And are spent without hope.

"There is no hope for me. God cannot forgive me for the things I have done!" I heard these words while sitting across the table from a middle age man in July of 2016. My heart broke to hear him say and believe such statements. I passionately assured him that God did love him very much and that Jesus came to take his punishment for all of his sin and deliver him. Sadly, this man ended up taking his own life and I will never forget his hopelessness. He is not alone in his hopelessness. Suicide rates have reached highest point in more than 80 years according to USA Today. Is there an answer to the hopelessness of mankind? The Bible tells us that there is and His name is Jesus. He came to earth as a servant not only to give us hope, but to be our hope.

1 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;

1. Jesus was Made _____ Us

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh...

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*Down from His glory,
Ever living story,
My God and Savior came,
And Jesus was His Name;
Born in a manger,
To His own a stranger,
A Man of sorrows, tears and agony.
—William Booth; Salvation Army (1921)*

Philippians 2:6–7 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

DEFINITION—FORM: essence; the expression of something that reflects or manifests fully and truly the essence of what something is.

THE INCARNATION — God taking on human flesh

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, And your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

2. Jesus Lived _____ Us

John 1:14 ...and dwelt among us, (and we beheld...

DEFINITION—DWELT: to settle (pitch a tent)

DEFINITION—BEHELD: to gaze admiringly

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

QUOTE: Don't judge a man until you have walked a mile in his shoes.

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: And we hid as it were our faces from him; He was despised, and we esteemed him not.

3. Jesus Gave His Life _____

Us

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

LAMB OF GOD — God's only approved sacrifice for the sin of man

SIN OF THE WORLD — All the sin of all mankind past, present and future

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

NOTE — He became like us, so that we could become like Him.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Conclusion

QUOTE: There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them. — Boothe

John 3:16–17 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Did you pray to receive Jesus Christ today?

We would like to rejoice with you! We invite you to text **PRAYED** to 937.293.7500. We would like to give you a Bible and a resource that will help you follow Jesus this week.



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