



**Cornerstone**  
CHURCH

## **Follow Jesus in Joy and Wonder**

### **The Coming of Hope**

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“Christ in you is the only hope of glory. Outside of Him, there is no hope; in Him, hope is limitless.”

A.W. Tozer

“Man can live about forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air...but only for one second without hope.”

Hal Lindsey

### **Hope that Jesus Brings Begins with God’s Promises–Prophetic Hope**

“Jesus is the foundation of all our hopes, the refuge of our spirits, and the anchor of our souls.”

Charles Spurgeon

### **Hope Over the Power of the Enemy**

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:15 NIV

## **Hope that God Overrides Natural Limitations**

“All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).”

Isaiah 7:14 NLT

## **Hope for the World**

He says, “You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.”

Isaiah 49:6 NLT

## **Hope for All Living Without Hope**

You will open the eyes of the blind. You will free the captives from prison, releasing those who sit in dark dungeons.

Isaiah 42:7 NLT

“The coming of Christ into the world is the joyous declaration that hope is no longer a distant dream but a living reality.”

Charles Spurgeon

## Hope is Remembering—The Joy of Zechariah

Then his father, Zechariah, was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave this prophecy:  
<sup>68</sup> “Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people. <sup>69</sup> He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of his servant David, <sup>70</sup> just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago. <sup>71</sup> Now we will be saved from our enemies and from all who hate us. <sup>72</sup> He has been merciful to our ancestors by remembering his sacred covenant—<sup>73</sup> the covenant he swore with an oath to our ancestor Abraham. <sup>74</sup> We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live. <sup>76</sup> And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord. <sup>77</sup> You will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins. <sup>78</sup> Because of God’s tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, <sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace.”  
Luke 1:67-79 NLT

## Hope Overwhelms with Wonder—Mary’s Song of Hope

“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. <sup>47</sup> How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! <sup>48</sup> For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. <sup>49</sup> For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. <sup>50</sup> He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him. <sup>51</sup> His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. <sup>52</sup> He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble. <sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful. <sup>55</sup> For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever.”  
Luke 1:46-55 NLT

“The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## Hope Becomes Flesh in Bethlehem

“The wonder of all wonders is that God loves the lowly... This is the hope of Advent: that God has come to save.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“Because of Bethlehem, hope is not a feeling—it is a person.”

Max Lucado

Jesus is that hope!

Hope wrapped in strips of cloth

Hope lying in a manger

Hope entering our world with humility and love

Hope embraced in every part of our lives

Hope that dispels the darkness of despair and hopelessness

Darkness and evil do not win!

God's promises do not fail!

God is closer than we could ever imagine.

“The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity—hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory...”

J. I. Packer