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## Born Into a Living Hope Through Jesus

NOTES:

### God's Promise of Hope...

#### 1. ...was declared through the prophets

**Is. 42:1** *Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations... 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law... 6 "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,*

#### 2. ...arrived in Christ, offering reconciliation with God.

**2 Cor. 5: 17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself... We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

#### 3. ...transforms our lives right now.

**Titus 2:11** *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

#### 4. ...crescendos in a future of eternal joy

**Revelation 21:3** *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "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. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

**Review/Discuss/Apply:**

- 1) What comes to mind when you hear the word “hope”? In what areas of your life do you need hope right now?
- 2) Read 1 Peter 1:3-5 and reflect on the scope of the “living hope” that you have been born into. What stands out to you in Peter’s description of God’s mercy in Christ
- 3) This Christmas, who might need to be told or reminded of the hope that Jesus brings through his life, death, resurrection, reign and coming return?

**SONGS**

*HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING  
COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS  
LOVE CAME DOWN  
KING OF KINGS*

**BUDGET**

Giving Last Week: \$25,632.35  
Weekly Need: \$38,322.00  
  
YTD Giving: \$1,559,790.00  
YTD General Need: \$1,801,134.00

Altamont Expansion Fund (11/1): \$200,288.98

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