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The Glory of the Incarnation: A Secured Hope

NOTES:

The Old Testament Prophets Hoped in the Promise of a Messiah

1 Pet. 1:10-12 *Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.*

Christ's Birth Fulfilled Those Hopes and Set our Sights on Something New

Matt. 1:20-23 *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. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).*

God Has Secured Genuine Hope for Us Though Jesus

1. Christ's resurrection is the foundation of our hope.

1 Pet. 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**,*

2. The Hope We Have is Growing and Maturing.

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Rom. 15:13 *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.*

We Securely Hope in an Eternal Inheritance that Far Outweighs Any Earthly Blessing

1 Pet. 1:4 to an **inheritance** that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a **salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time.

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1. Mentally and spiritually guard yourself with hope.

1 Pet. 1:13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

2. Allow your hope to be on display.

1 Pet. 3:14-15 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

3. Rely on the Holy Spirit who empowers you to thrive in hope.

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Review/Discuss/Apply:

1) What produces anxiety or fear in your life? How does the reality of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection help you from spiraling?

2) A day is coming when all that you hope for in Jesus will be fulfilled. What do you specifically look forward to on that day?

3) What practical ways can you develop a tighter grasp on your hope in Jesus? How can the Christmas season help you to focus more fully on that hope?

SONGS

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US
BEHOLD
CORNERSTONE
HOLY FOREVER

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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