

Biblical Hope...A confident **EXPECTATION** and **DESIRE** for something good in the future

Four Reasons for Biblical Hope [Luke 2:1-20]

1 – God knows when to SHOW UP

“When the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman...”

Galatians 4:4

- **God HEARS us**

“From the depths of despair, O LORD, I call for your help. Hear my cry, O Lord. Pay attention to my prayer.” Ps 130:1-2

- **God KNOWS us**

“LORD, if you kept a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive? But you offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear you.” Ps 130:3-4

- **God LOVES us**

“O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is unfailing love. His redemption overflows. He himself will redeem Israel from every kind of sin.” Ps 130:7-8

2 – God knows when to SPEAK UP

God speaks to us...

- **Through His SON**
- **Through His SPIRIT**
- **Through His SCRIPTURE**
- **Through His SERVANTS**
- **Through His SONS and DAUGHTERS**

“The voice of a courageous Christian is an echo of the voice of God.” [author unknown]

3 – God knows when to HOLD US UP

“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For He took notice... he has done great things... he shows mercy... he has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful...” Lk 1:46-55

“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” Heb 4:16

4 – God knew when to OFFER HIMSELF UP

“Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people. He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of his servant David, just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago.” Lk 1:68-70

“When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.” Rom 5:6

Four Ways to Build Biblical Hope

1 – SUBMIT yourself to God

“Humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.” 1 Pet 5:6-7

2 – STRENGTHEN your relationship with God

“Search for the LORD and for his strength; continually seek him. Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given...” 1 Chron 16:11-12

3 – TRUST in God’s timing

“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.” Isa 55:8-9

4 – THANK God daily

“Always be thankful.” Col 3:15

Advent Challenge... BE HOPE!

Know it – Live it – Share it