

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

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Matthew 2:13-23

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Matthew 2:13 After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."  
14 That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother,  
15 and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "I called my Son out of Egypt."

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16 Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance.  
17 Herod's brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:  
18 "A cry was heard in Ramah— weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted, for they are dead."

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19 When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt.  
20 "Get up!" the angel said. "Take the child and his mother back to the land of Israel, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead."  
21 So Joseph got up and returned to the land of Israel with Jesus and his mother.  
22 But when he learned that the new ruler of Judea was Herod's son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee.  
23 So the family went and lived in a town called Nazareth. This fulfilled what the prophets had said: "He will be called a Nazarene."

If Christmas Is To Be Full Of Hope What Must I Do

\_\_\_\_\_ God Even When It's A Hassle

Psalms 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

Psalms 146:5 But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

1 Peter 3:13 Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good?

14 But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats.

15 Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it.

16 But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

17 Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!

Be \_\_\_\_\_ Even When It Hurts

Psalm 42:11 Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again— my Savior and my God!

Psalm 62:5 Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.

6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken.

7 My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.

8 O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.

Proverbs 10:24 The fears of the wicked will be fulfilled; the hopes of the godly will be granted.

25 When the storms of life come, the wicked are whirled away, but the godly have a lasting foundation.

Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

\_\_\_\_\_ On The Hope God Has Promised

Psalm 119:49 Remember your promise to me; it is my only hope.

50 Your promise revives me; it comforts me in all my troubles.

Psalm 130:5 I am counting on the Lord; yes, I am counting on him. I have put my hope in his word.

Hebrews 6:18 So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.

19 This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls...

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.