

## THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

Matthew 7:11 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

### The Gift Of Hope

Matthew 12:17 This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah concerning him:

18 "Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, who pleases me. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

19 He will not fight or shout or raise his voice in public.

20 He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. Finally he will cause justice to be victorious.

21 And his name will be the hope of all the world."

Hopeful Living Gives Us A Right \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 4:8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

About Our Problems

About Other People

About Outside Pressures

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Hopeful Living Doesn't Depend On Our \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 23:17 Don't envy sinners, but always continue to fear the Lord.

18 You will be rewarded for this; your hope will not be disappointed.

19 My child, listen and be wise: Keep your heart on the right course.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Hopeful Living Gives Us \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 13:7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Romans 15:13 I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hopeful Living Is Based On What Is \_\_\_\_\_

God's \_\_\_\_\_

Lamentations 3:21 Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this:  
22 The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease.  
23 Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.  
24 I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"  
25 The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him.  
26 So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord.

God's \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 94:19 When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.

Romans 5:3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.

4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

God's \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Romans 15:4 Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

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

Romans 8:23 And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

24 We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it.

25 But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)

Hopeful Living Keeps Us \_\_\_\_\_

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

Proverbs 10:28 The hopes of the godly result in happiness, but the expectations of the wicked come to nothing.