

Presents from Jesus

Luke 2:15-20

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

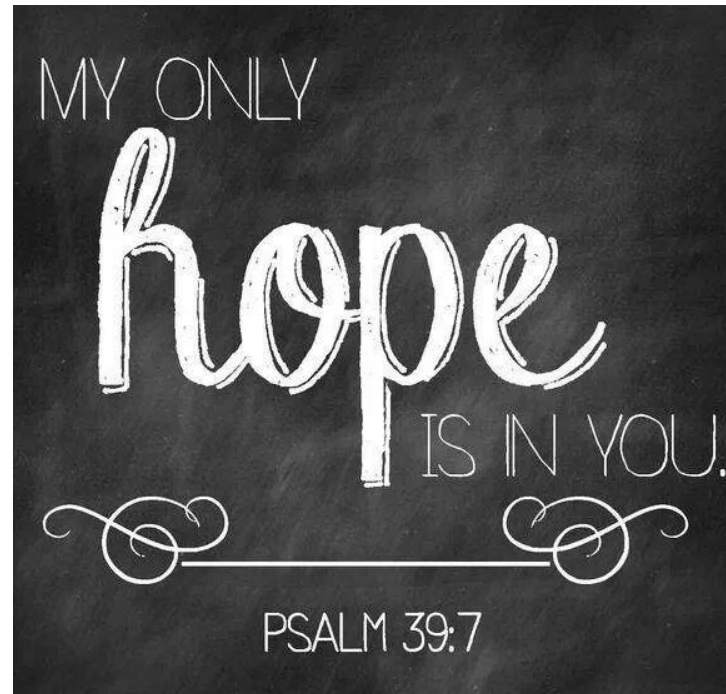
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 15:13 -

heartlight

The third present that Jesus brings with him is the gift of hope. When Jesus is born it is the first step of God fulfilling the promises that He made from the beginning. God has always told those that follow Him to trust in Him for their salvation. Jesus is God making good on those promises. It gives people reason to hope for something better. God has promised to take care of those that follow Him and now people have something tangible to place their hope in. Jesus brings with Him hope for the whole world. It is our responsibility to live with that hope on display for all to see.

Luke 2:15-20 (NASB)

¹⁵ When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

Romans 15:13 (NASB)

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

🕯 EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Do the shepherds have hope that this child will save them?

9. If so, what is it that gives the Shepherds hope?

10. In Luke 2:20 why do the shepherds return glorifying and praising God?

11. What was the statement that the shepherds made known to everyone in 2:17?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

12. Why should we have hope that Jesus will save us and give us life after death?

13. When is it hard for us to show the hope we have in Jesus?

14. What has Jesus done to show us that we should put our hope in Him with confidence?

15. How can we share the hope that we have with people around us?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES