

Recovering Hope
Christmas Classics: Christmas Vacation – Part 3 of 4
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Numbers 24:17 I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. NIV84

Matthew 12:21 In his name the nations will put their hope. NIV84

Hope:

look forward with confidence to that which is good and beneficial

Louw-Nida Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament

Our hope for the future impacts our attitudes & actions today

1 Timothy 6:17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ESV

God gives a hope that doesn't disappoint (Romans 5:1-5)

GOD HAS DONE EVERYTHING WE NEED TO PROVIDE FOR OUR SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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"O Holy Night"

"A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices...for yonder breaks a new glorious morn"

Romans 5:3-5 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ESV

Suffering:

"a pressing, pressure", anything which burdens the spirit"

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My Next Step Today is to...

- ☐ For the first time, I will place my hope in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- ☐ Refocus my hope on God Himself
- ☐ Invite a neighbor to the Church in the Valley Christmas Service