

25 December 2015 – Christmas Day.

Readings: Isaiah 52:7–10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1–4; John 1:1–14.

INTRO: *Thirst quenching* – Luke 2:11, “Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”
Thirsting for God: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love series fulfilment...



I. HOPE TODAY.

Proverbs 13:12, “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a **longing fulfilled is a tree of life.”**

Malachi 3:1, “The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, **he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.”**

Luke 2:7, “And she gave birth to her firstborn son.”

Luke 2:16, “And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.”

Colossians 1:27, “To them (his saints) God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.”**



II. PEACE TODAY.

Luke 2:14, “Glory to God in the highest, and **on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”**

Ephesians 2:14, “He (Jesus Christ) himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.”

Philippians 4:6-7, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”**



III. JOY TODAY.

Luke 2:10, “But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you **good news of great joy** which will be for all the people.”

Matthew 2:10, “When they saw the star, they **rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.**”

Luke 2:20, “The shepherds went back, **glorifying and praising God** for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.”

1 Peter 1:8, “Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, **you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.**”

*“Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down
his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.”*

John 15:11, “These things I have spoken to you, that **my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.**”



IV.LOVE TODAY.

Luke 2:11, “for today in the city of David there has been born for you a **Saviour**, who is Christ the Lord.”

John 3:16, “For God so **loved the world**, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

CONCLUSION: John 4:13-14, “Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will **never be thirsty again**. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’ Hope – Peace – Joy – Love. These are the things God wants to satisfy our thirst for through Jesus Christ His Son. This is why we celebrate Christmas. A blessed and fulfilling Christmas!☺