



## THE KEYS OF CHRISTMAS PT.2

### THE KEY OF HOPE

**QUOTE:** TOO MUCH OF ANYTHING THAT ISN'T INHERENTLY BAD, EVEN SOMETHING GOOD BUT ISN'T GOD, CAN TURN INTO A BAD THING. -PR

AND WE CAN LOSE SIGHT OF THE REASON OF THE SEASON BECAUSE OF THE FESTIVITIES OF THE SEASON.

**THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON WE HOPE TO PAUSE AND REDISCOVER THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS, TO SEEK THE "KEYS" OF REIGNITING THE FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE OF CHRISTMAS AND REFOCUS US ON JESUS CHRIST.**

**IT'S AN OLD STORY, BUT I HOPE TO SEE IT WITH FRESH EYES THIS YEAR...**

AROUND 700 YEARS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE PROPHET ISAIAH SAID THIS:

**ISAIAH 9:2-7**

**WHAT DO ALL CHRISTMAS MOVIES HAVE IN COMMON?**

**HOPE.** IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT A PERSON OR A FAMILY HOPING FOR THE ONE THING THAT IS GOING TO MAKE THEIR CHRISTMAS THE BEST EVER... AND, OF COURSE, THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS ALWAYS THAT HOPE CAN'T BE FOUND IN OBJECTS OR THINGS,

**BUT THAT ISN'T JESUS.**

AND I CHALLENGE TO SAY TODAY THAT ISN'T CHRISTMAS.

**TODAY'S KEY: HOPE.**

**WHERE DO YOU PLACE YOUR HOPE?**

**QUOTE:** "Where you place your hope is imperative to your experience of joy." -Matt Chandler

**Jeremiah 29:11-14**

**HEBREWS 13:8**

**MY FRIENDS: WHERE DO YOU PLACE YOUR HOPE TODAY?**

**ROMANS 5:1-11**

**BREAKING DOWN THE SCRIPTURE:**

that we have **PEACE** with God through Jesus **BECAUSE** we have been **JUSTIFIED** by **FAITH**.

(VERSE 2) And it's through this **FAITH** in **JESUS** we also obtain **GRACE** which enables us to **REJOICE** in **HOPE**.

**BUT THEN HE SAYS VERSES 3-5...**

suffering produces endurance (ability to withstand), and endurance will produce character. Character produces **HOPE**.

And that **HOPE** is based on God's **LOVE**, that the Spirit pours into our hearts.

**Character:** Greek, **dokimé 1382 δοκιμή**: a trial, proof; tried, approved, proof **AFTER** testing.

**TRUTH:** The Christian life has hope, but it certainly comes with testing and trials, ups and downs, but we you stay focused (rejoicing in the Lord). Those trials produce something worth it... and that is greater hope.

**JESUS CHRIST GAVE US A REASON TO HOPE AND ENDURE BY PROVING HIS LOVE FOR US.**

**HEBREWS 10:19-25**

**AND HE IS FAITHFUL. AND THAT IS WHERE WE CAN DROP THE ANCHOR OF OUR HOPE.**

**THIS PASSAGE WE JUST READ IN HEBREWS FINISHED THIS WAY:**

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

**SURROUND YOURSELF WITH OTHER BELIEVERS THAT TAKE THIS VERSE TO HEART.**

**THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WERE SO BUSY, RUNNING SO FAST, BUT TODAY I WANT TO STIR YOU UP... I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU. I WANT YOU TO PAUSE, REFLECT AND REMEMBER.**

**JESUS' FAITHFUL PROMISE & ENCOURAGEMENT:**

**JOHN 14:1-24**