

**Are You The Grinch?  
Part 2 – Robbing Your Hope**

**Luke 2:8-20**

**Sermon Summary**

Materialism...Robbing Your Hope. It happens to all of us. We buy cars, trucks, homes, and other toys believing they will bring us the happiness we are looking for but we're still not happy and we are filled with a sense of hopelessness. But there is HOPE available, you just got to know where to find it. What is our true source of hope and where does it come from? Find out the answer to these questions and much more in this message.

**Four Points to Living a Life Focused on the Horizon of Hope**

**Point #1 – Recognize the Author of Hope**

- **1 Peter 1:3**
- **Romans 15:13**
- **Key Point** – It is during this point that we will focus our attention upon where our hope comes from. If we truly want to be given true hope, happiness, and joy then we must set our focus on where it comes from. The author of Hope is only God himself. He is the one that gives sustaining, everlasting hope which gives us an overriding purpose to live for in this life.

**Point #2 – Identify the True Nature of Hope**

- **1 Peter 1:3-5**
- **Colossians 1:27**
- **Key Point** – It is during this point that we identify the true nature of Hope while we live out our lives on this earth. Our hope, peace, joy, and happiness does not come from the things of this world. It does not come from new cars, trucks, homes, or ipods. These options of hope are fleeting images of hope and give us a false sense of happiness. True Hope can only come from fixing our eyes upon the horizon of eternity and realizing that the Hope that comes from God lies in us being united with Jesus Christ in His resurrection. Jesus Christ is our HOPE!

**Point #3 – Respond to the Message of Hope**

- **1 Peter 1:6-7**
- **Hebrews 10:23**
- **Key Point** – It is during this point that we will examine how we are called to respond to the message of Hope. We must understand that as we give our lives to Jesus Christ as both Lord and Savior then we are given a charge to live out three vital characteristics of Christianity: Faith, Hope, and Love. We cannot separate these three for they are all essential spiritual attributes of successfully living a life focused on Christ.

**Point #4 – Experience Hope**

- **1 Peter 1:8-9**

- **Romans 5:5**
- **Key Point** – It is during this point that we will bring home the point that Hope is a gift from God that is meant to encourage us to live with strength, courage, and purpose during this life. It can only be given, received, and utilized in the presence of God himself therefore we must walk with God and keep our fixed upon Him not the storms of this life in order to experience authentic hope.

#### Questions to Consider

1. How is Satan trying to Rob you of your hope this Christmas?
2. How will you overcome this attack? Explain.

#### Memory Verse

**Luke 2:10-11** – <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

#### Challenge

This holiday season choose one family or individual in need to minister to through love, kindness, and service. Enlarge your heart and enlarge your mission.



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