

SERMON NOTES

December 15, 2013

HOPE UNWRAPPED

HOPE AND HOPE

1. a feeling of expectation & desire for a certain thing to happen
2. to expect with confidence

WHEN HOPE IS UNWRAPPED...

❶ it takes you on a _____ **Matthew 2:1-2** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

❷ it creates an _____ resolve **1 Thessalonians 1:2-3** We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. 3 We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

❸ it prepares you for the _____ **Hebrews 11:1-2** Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

❹ it trusts in what is _____ **Psalm 130:5** I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope.

HOPE OR DESPAIR

* Without hope(_____) we fall into despair(_____)

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Three Guiding Principles For Our Church

HI 5

It is our goal to greet everyone who visits us at least 5 times as they enter and 5 times as they leave.

50/50

In all our ministries we endeavor to think about the people who have not yet become followers of Jesus Christ. 50/50 is meant to communicate that we will always strive to connect to Pre-Christians as well as Christians.

Belong. Believe. Behave.

We always want to keep in mind that people need to feel a sense that they belong no matter what their background or past experience. To us, Belonging comes before Believing and Behaving.