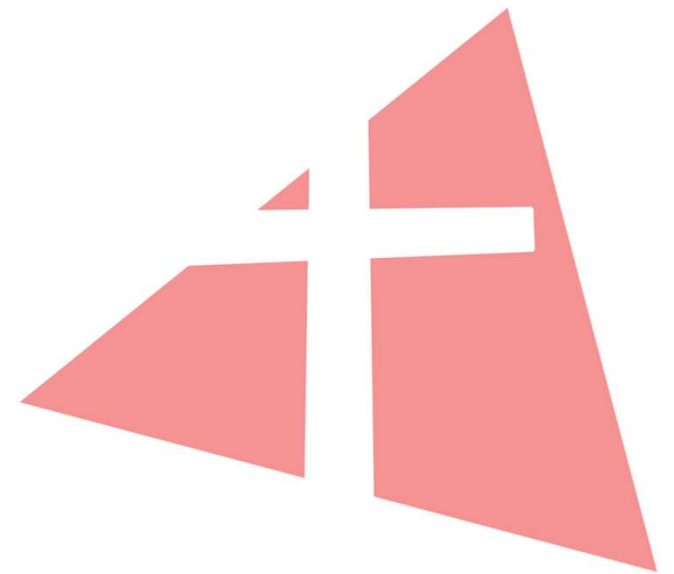


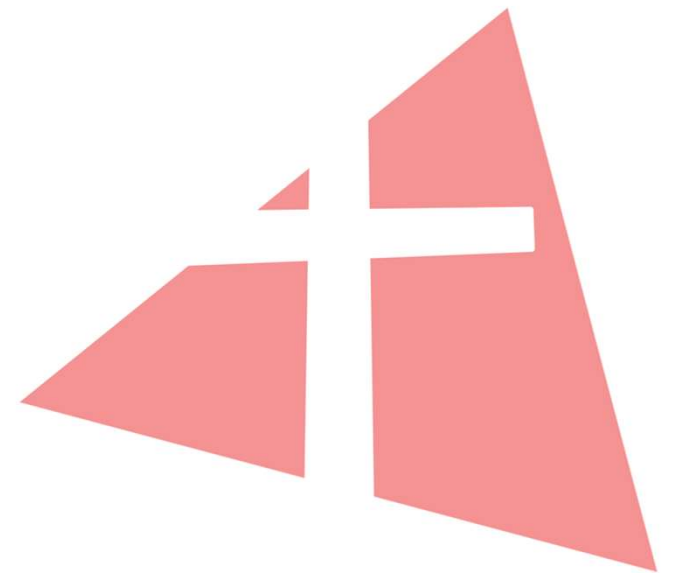
Hope, Joy and Peace

December 11th 2022



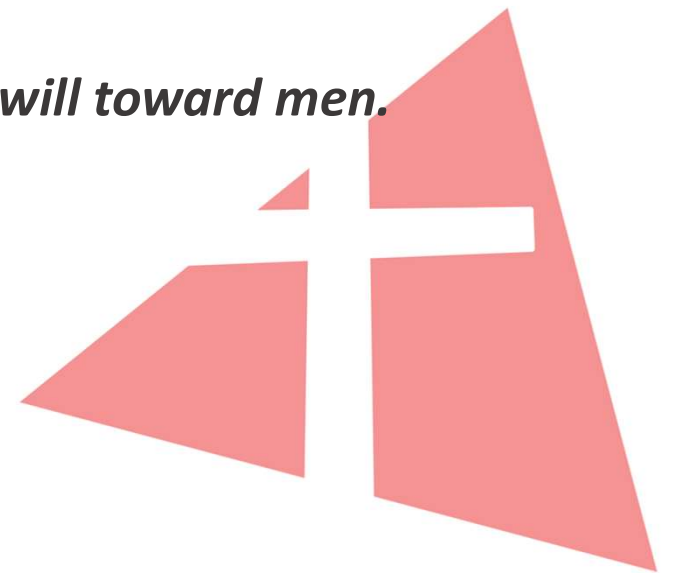
Christmas

- **Mini-Series for Christmas**
- **A whole series on Jesus starting in January**



Peace

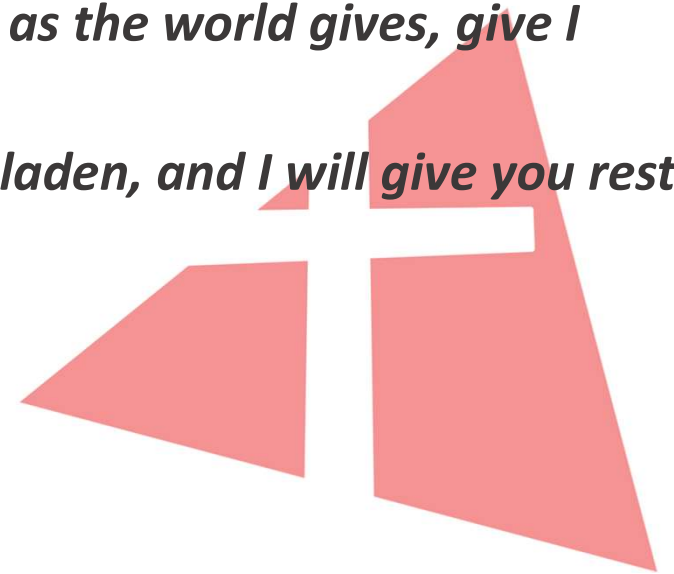
Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



Peace

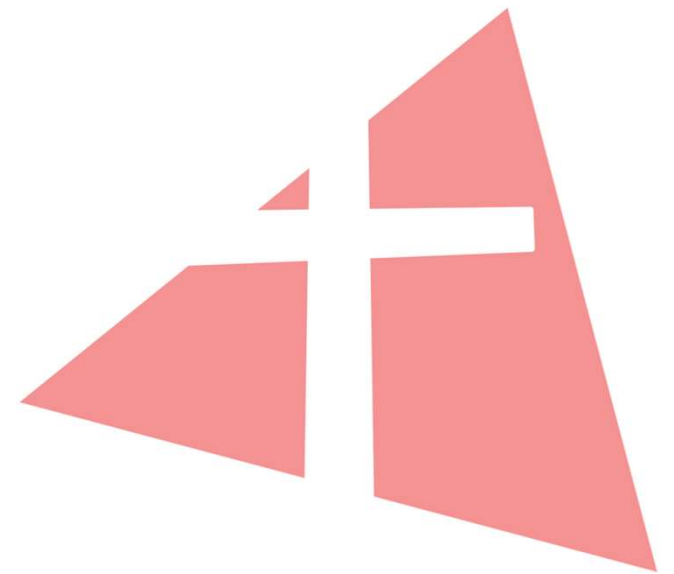
John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.



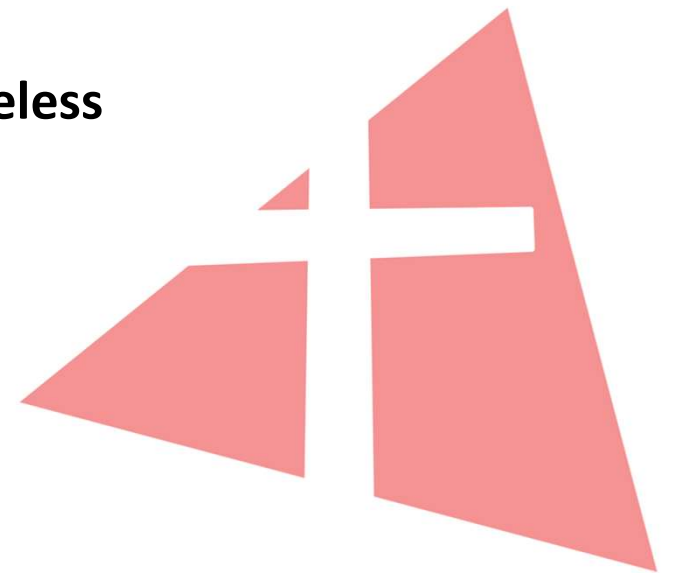
Peace

- **Christmas should give us peace for today**



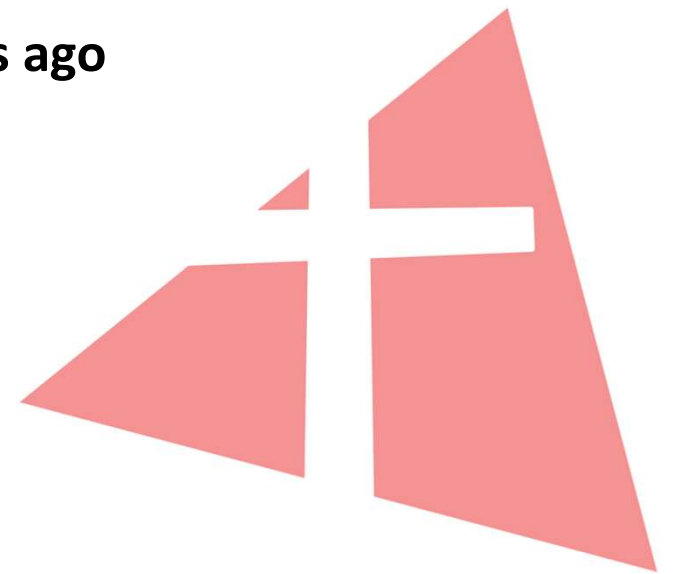
Hope

- **The Jewish society in which Jesus was born looked pretty hopeless**



Hope

- **We don't live in the same situation as the Israelites 2000 years ago**
- **But we all need hope**

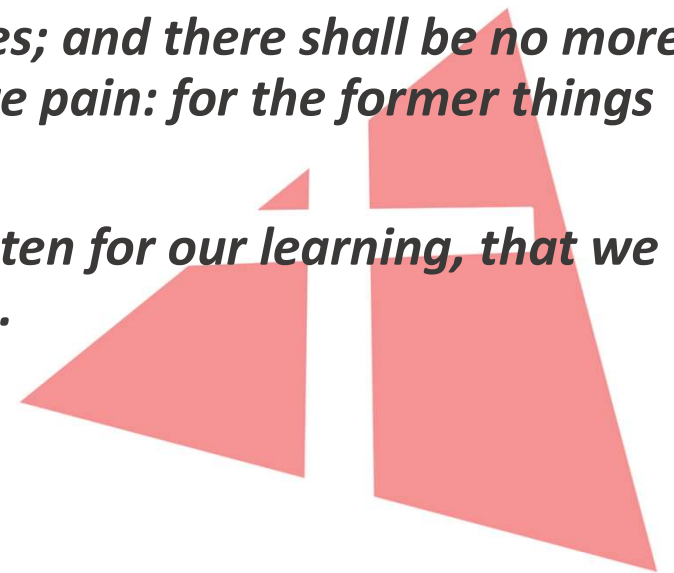


Hope

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

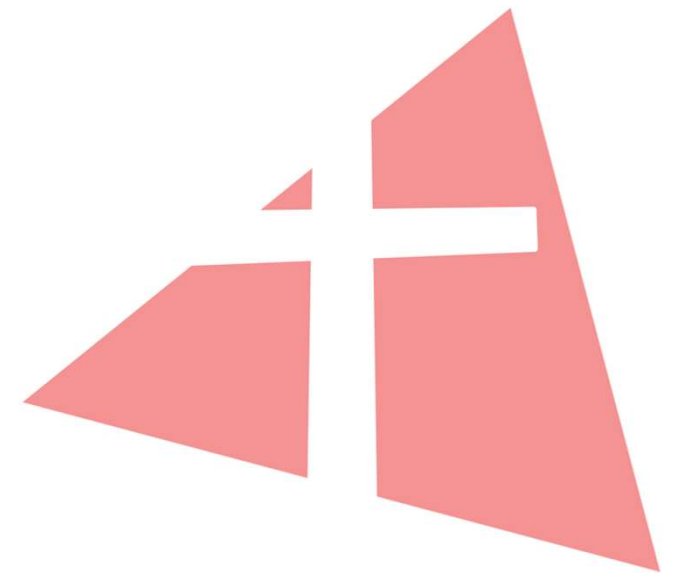
Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.



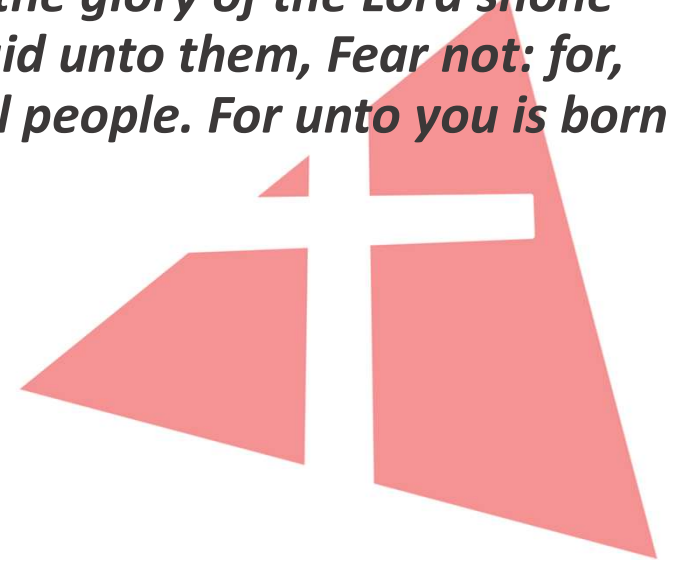
Hope @ Christmas

- **Our hope is also directly connected with our Faith**
- **Christmas should remind us of the Hope we have**
 - Promises for this life
 - Promise of eternal life



Joy

Luke 2:9-11 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were much afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.



Joy

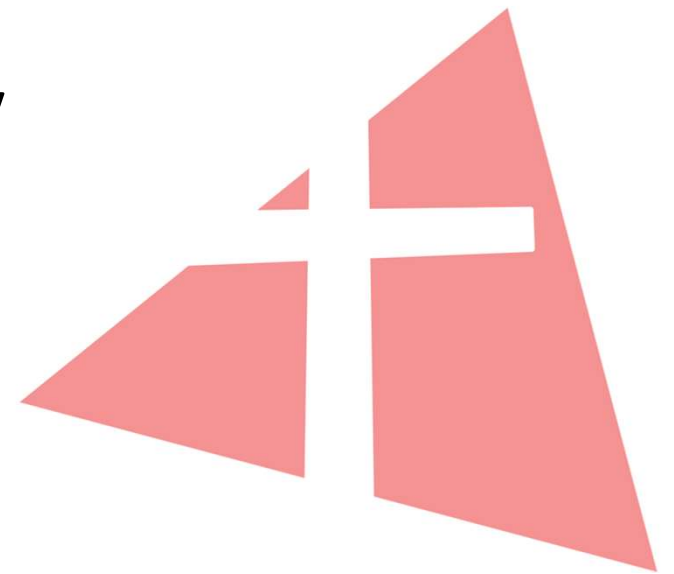
John 17:13 And now come I to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

John 16:20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That you shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and you shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.



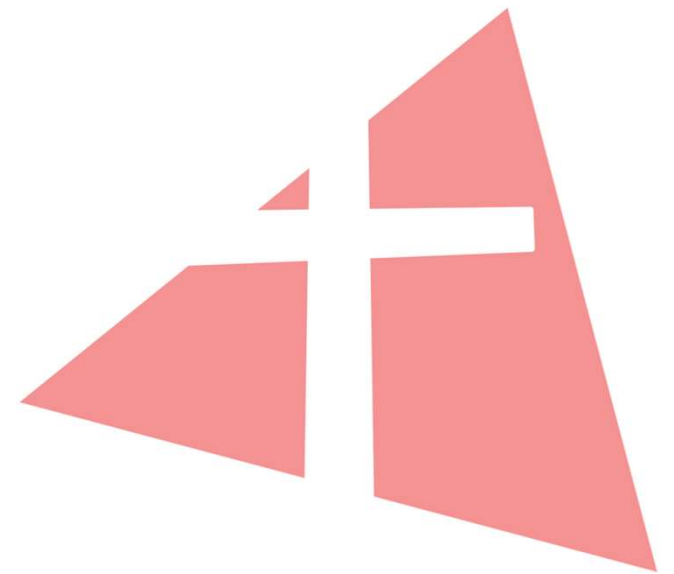
Joy

- **Christmas should be a time to receive Jesus' Joy in a fresh way**



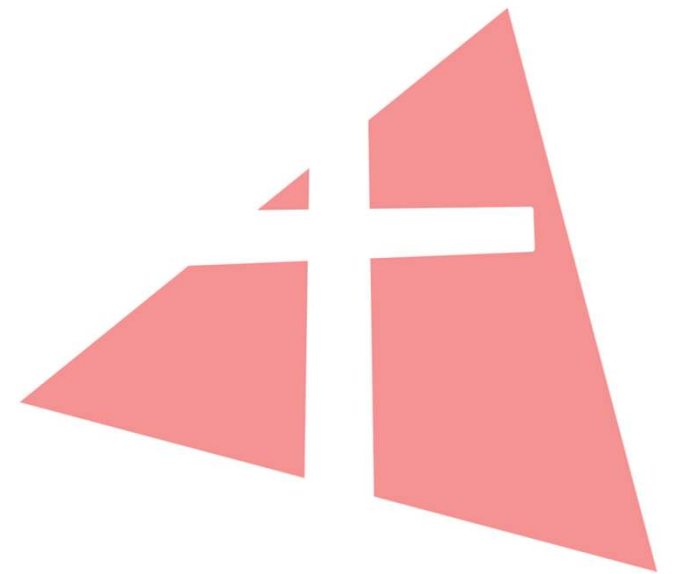
Our Struggle

- **This world will always try to take Jesus' gifts away from us**
 - Hopelessness instead of Hope
 - Distress instead of Peace
 - Despair instead of Joy



A reminder of the ultimate gift

- **We deserve eternal separation from God**
 - Unbearable distress
 - Ultimate despair
 - No hope left
- **Only through Jesus can we have eternal life instead**
 - Perfect Joy
 - Perfect Peace
 - Fulfillment of all our Hope



In Summary

- Jesus offers us what this world is trying to take away from us
- Christmas should remind us of “what’s at stake” in this life
- Christmas should remind us of our eternal destiny

Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.





Holy
COMMUNION

REMEMBER **HIS** SACRIFICE