

God's Gift Of Hope

God's Christmas Gift For You – Part 5

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NLT Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when dreams come true, there is life and joy.

NLT Matthew 12:21 And His name [Jesus] will be the hope of all the world.

NLT Romans 15:13 So I pray that God, who gives you hope, will keep you happy and full of peace as you believe in him. May you overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. _____ God's goodness

NLT Romans 15:4 Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. They give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises.

NLT Lamentations 3:21-23 Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The unfailing love of the LORD never ends! ... Great is His faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day.

2. Realize troubles are _____

NLT 2 Corinthians 4:18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.

NLT 2 Corinthians 4:16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

3. Refocus on the _____

NLT Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

NLT 2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down-- when we die and leave these bodies-- we will have a home in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.

NIV Titus 2:13 We wait for the blessed hope-- the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.