



“Simply Christmas”  
Part 3

*“Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light, the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.”*

**Philips Brooks**

Preaching Point: Hope is the fuel for the Christian’s present confidence.

1. **Hope Explained**

a. *What it isn’t*

b. *What it is*

- Faith gives birth to hope (**Hebrews 11:1**)
- Hope is rooted in God (**Romans 15:13**)
  - Hope of salvation (**1 Thessalonians 5:8**)
  - Hope of righteousness (**Galatians 5:5**)
  - Hope of resurrection (**1 Peter 1:3**)
  - Hope of glory (**Colossians 1:27**)
  - Blessed hope (**Titus 2:13**)
  - Hope doesn’t disappoint (**Romans 5:5**)

2. **Hope Exemplified (Luke 2:8-20)**

a. *The Mood of the Day* (**Genesis 3:15; 12:2-3; Deuteronomy 18:15; Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-2, 6-7; 62:11-12; Micah 5:2**)

b. *The Status of the Shepherds*

- They ran to see (**vv. 15-16**)
- They shared their story (**v. 17**)
- They worshiped the Lord (**v. 20**)

3. **Hope Exercised**

- *God loves you* (**John 3:16**)
- *The Lord saves sinners* (**John 5:24**)