

**December 10, 2006**

**Sermon: "Christmas Brings Hope"**

**Scripture: Luke 1:31-33**

<sup>31</sup>You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

<sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

-Luke 1:31-33 (New International Version)

**Introduction**

- An Angel promised the Birth of Jesus to Mary.
- Isaiah had prophesied Christ's Birth seven centuries earlier. (Isaiah 9:6-7)
- Joseph had also received a promise. (Matthew 1:20-21)
- How do we sustain hope in a world of disappointment and difficulty?

**I. Put your hope in God.**

- Psalm 33:16-22
- Isaiah 49:23
- Lamentations 3:25
- Psalm 147:11
- Romans 15:13

**II. Think on God's promises.**

- Romans 8:18
- II Corinthians 4:16-18
- II Corinthians 11:24-27
- I Peter 1:3-4

**Conclusion**

- Do you know Christ? Do you trust Him? *Let Christ Jesus give you hope now!*