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A Thrill of Hope



- A **thrill** of hope a **weary** world rejoices
 - Hope – to look **forward** to something with **confidence**
 - The **gloom** of sin is changed by the **glory** of a Savior

1 Peter 1:3-4

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you

- The gift that is offered to each of us is a **living hope**

Isaiah 9:2

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

- The nation of Israel had **fallen** away from the **Lord**
- Isaiah writes **prophetically** about the **Messiah**

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders, And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

- **Wonderful Counselor**
(Romans 11:33 / Colossians 2:2-3)
- **Mighty God**

(Psalm 24:8 / John 15:13)

- **Everlasting Father**
(John 1:12-13 / John 10:30)
- **Prince of Peace**
(Ephesians 2:14 / Romans 5:1-2)

1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

- It is up to us to **share** the message of hope with our **world**