

FBC Bahasa Malaysia fellowship

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Merry Christmas

2019

PENTATONIX

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- A photograph of the Pentatonix vocal group performing in a living room set. On the left is a large, decorated Christmas tree with lights and ornaments. In the center, four members are seated on a light-colored sofa with red and blue cushions. A wooden coffee table in front of them holds a small Christmas tree, candles, and a plate of cookies. To the right, a fifth member is seated in a large, dark armchair. Behind the group is a fireplace mantel decorated with lights and stockings. The floor is covered with a patterned rug, and the background is dark with falling snow effects.
01. Up On The Housetop
 02. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
 03. Little Drummer Boy
 04. Mary Did You Know
 05. Angels We Have Heard
 06. That's Christmas To Me
 07. O Come, All Ye Faithful
 08. Coldest Winter
 09. Carol of the Bells
 10. Holiday Special
 11. Santa Claus Is Coming to Town
 12. Hallelujah
 14. Joy to the World
 15. Silent Night & -Mistletoe
 16. Let it Snow
 17. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
 18. White Winter Hymnal
 19. Jingle Bells
 20. Sleigh Ride

Joy to
the
World

Reflections on the Carols we sing during Christmas

Advent sermon series 11/12/22

Next Week Sermon

Silent Night

PREACHER
Arnold Lim

December 25, 2022

Christmas Service

PREACHER
Dr. Peter Ng

January 1, 2023

New Year Day Service

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders, of His love

- Written by Isaac Watts in early 1700. He was a pastor who wrote hymns. The original title was "*The Messiah's Coming and Kingdom*".
- He based the hymn on Psalm 98 and his goal was to help Christians view the psalms through New Testament lenses. He published a collection of hymns titled "*The Psalms of David: Imitated in the language of the New Testament, and applied to the Christian state and worship.*"
- In 1839 an American hymn writer Lowell Mason redid the tune borrowing from Handel's Messiah and by God's providence it became a popular Christmas Carol.

Psalm 98

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
- ² The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- ³ He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
- ⁴ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
- ⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
- ⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's
horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.
- ⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
- ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;

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⁹ let them sing before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

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- Joy to the World is the only Christmas Carol where the lyrics are about the 2nd Advent of Christ.
- When we sing and think back the 1st coming of Christ at Christmas, this song reminds us to also think forward of the 2nd coming of Christ.

What is the main theme of the song?

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HARAPAN



- How people usually process Hope.
- We can preach Hope biblically but leave people feeling even more hopeless.
- How the bible defines Hope.
- How Christmas points us to a Living Hope.

1. How people usually process Hope.



OPTIMISM



Simon bar Kokhba



1927, Bar Kochba, watercolor and gouache on paper, Arthur Szyk



AE Bronze
22 mm

Second Jewish War Simon Bar Kosiba/Kokhba/Koziba

132-135 AD
Year 3, 134/135 AD

Palm branch in wreath
3 string
elongated lyre



Messianic Harp of David

Messiah
"Simon"
שִׁמְעוֹן

**Simon
Davidic Harp**

Inscription: Obv: שִׁמְעוֹן בֶּרֶךְ חַיִּים "For the freedom of Jerusalem"

Inscription: Rev: שִׁמְעוֹן "Simeon" (name surrounding harp is messianic claim)

www.bible.ca/coins

M: 297

Hendin: 1436

Stamp of Israel dedicated to Simon Bar Kokhba, 1961



Bar Kokhba silver [Zuz/denarius](#). [Obverse](#): trumpets surrounded by "To the freedom of [Jerusalem](#)". [Reverse](#): a [kinnor](#) surrounded by "Year two to the freedom of [Israel](#)"

PESSIMISM

“Nothing really matters,” he explains.”” And this is what gives us the freedom to feel our own meaning, and feel it with ease, instead of a sense of fear or guilt. This, my friends, is the mxxxfxxxxg gospel. You like ‘good news’? The universe doesn’t give a xxxx.”

*Abraham Piper on
Twitter*

<https://medium.com/belover/abraham-piper-deconstructs-his-dad-37b3bdd9b519>



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HONK OR TEXT
IF YOU LOVE JESUS IF YOU WANT TO SEE HIM

Try Jesus!
If you don't like him, Satan will always take you back!



WWJD
What Would Jesus Do

**IF YOU WERE ON TRIAL
FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN
.... WOULD THERE BE
ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO
CONVICT YOU?**

HONK
If you  **JESUS**

God is my pilot,
Jesus my navigator,
the Spirit my steward.
I'm just here for the ride!

Got JESUS?
(it's hell without him)

Follow me, I know
the **One** who knows
the **Way.**

My Boss is a
Jewish Carpenter

www.SmileyMe.com

Is there any heaviness in your life? Do you carry any burdens that are heavy and seem to drag on and on? The Lord teaches us that the glory of God is going to be so heavy that when it is put in the scales of your life for your enjoyment, it will make all the heaviness of this world as un-~~like~~ ^{like} air in the balance. ~~The reason we can always rejoice in God is not that~~ the Christian life is an easy life. It isn't. The reason is that the glory of God is great beyond all imagining, and in Jesus Christ, it is rock sure.

And so rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!

*Our Lord the judge shall come
And take His servants up
to their eternal home.*

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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- We can preach Hope biblically but leave people feeling even more hopeless.
- **How the bible defines Hope.**

All peoples →

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All of nature →

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WHOLE OF CREATION

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²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 8:22-25

3. How the bible defines HOPE.

- Biblical definition of HOPE is premised on WAITING ON GOD.

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

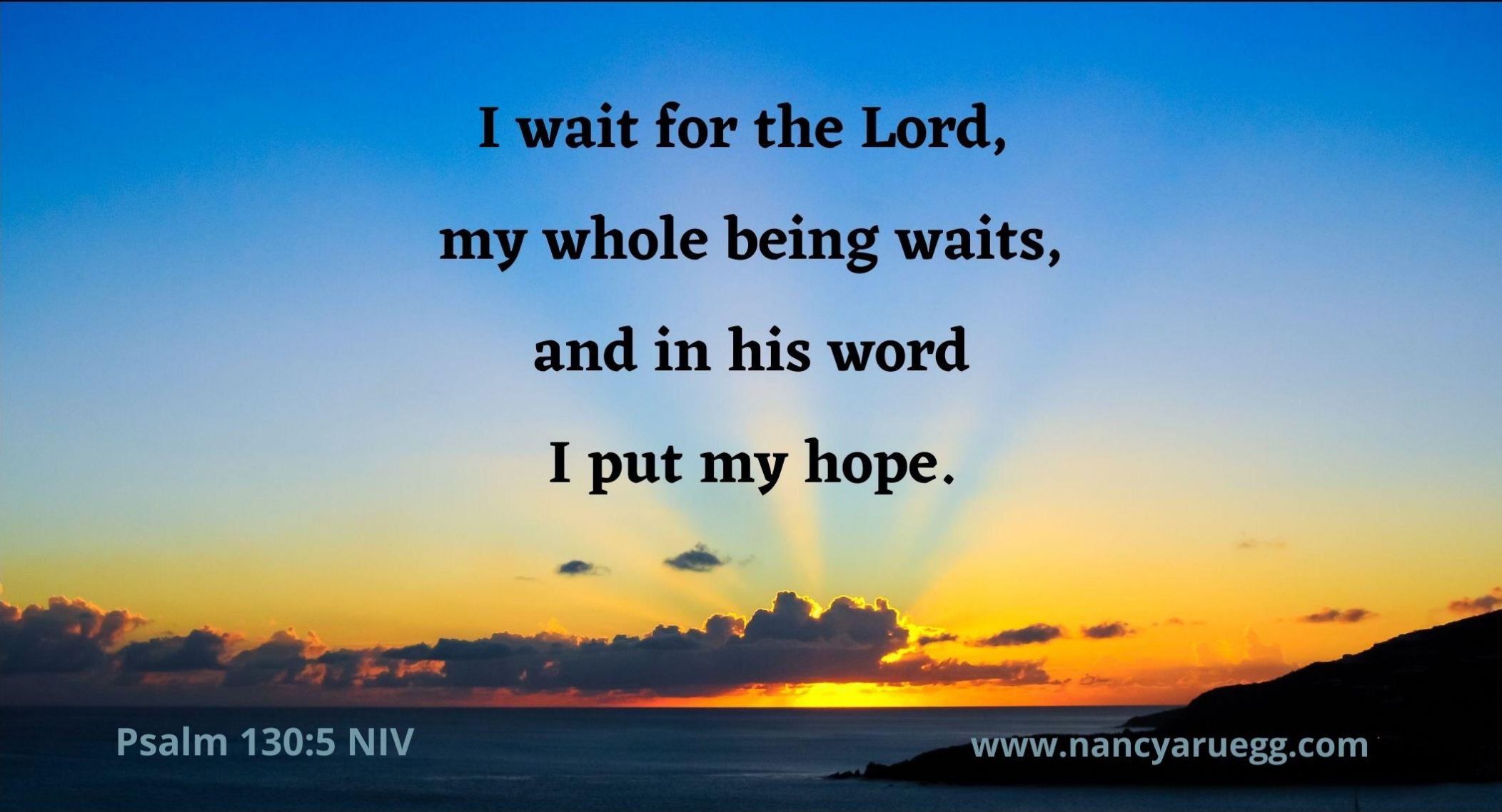
³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Luke 2: 25-35

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- Waiting on God is not done passively.



A serene sunset scene over a body of water. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. A layer of dark, silhouetted clouds sits just above the water. On the right side, a dark, rocky coastline or headland is visible, sloping down towards the water. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**I wait for the Lord,
my whole being waits,
and in his word
I put my hope.**

Psalm 130:5 NIV

www.nancyaruegg.com

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Simeon waited and died in peace with his hopes met. *But nothing changed in his life.*

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- Waiting on God is not done passively.
- What do we patiently wait for? For things of God or our own concerns?
- Biblical Hope recognizes sometimes in this life things will not get better.

- How people usually process Hope.
- We can preach Hope biblically but leave people feeling even more hopeless.
- How the bible defines Hope.
- **How Christmas points us to a Living Hope.**

4. How Christmas points us to a Living Hope.

- Christian Hope is in a person, not in favorable outcomes.
- Christian hope is premised on the premise of looking back in gratefulness...so we can have hope in the present by looking forward to the future.



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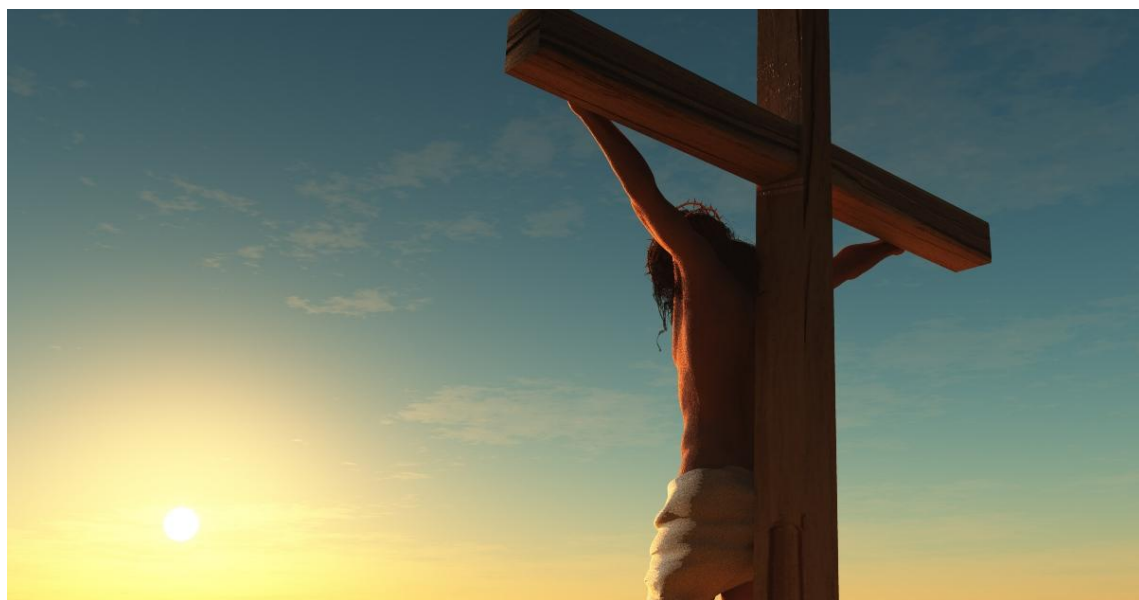
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Romans 5:1-4

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Romans 5:1-5





Is there room in your heart for Jesus the King?

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- How does your past affect your present life?
- Do you consider your future in your present actions?
- Where is Jesus in your past, present and future?

MUHIBBAH



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GIVE HOPE BY CARRYING EACH OTHER'S BURDENS TOGETHER – may others see the wonders of His Love in FBC

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