

Jesus: Hope For Humanity

(Genesis 3:1-15)

Introduction.

- A) Christmas time is an exciting time. Have you noticed that people, for the most part, act a little better during this time of year. Maybe it's just wishful thinking on my part, but overall people are a tad more considerate in the name of "the holiday spirit." They seem to be a tad more generous. They seem to be a tad more happy. Unfortunately, not long after the first of the year, most will return to their grumpy self.
- B) What's the deal? Why do people seem a little more joyful? A little more hopeful? For some, it's a manufactured joy; a manufactured hope.
- C) For the Christian, it should be the result of an eternal hope.
- D) In what are you putting your hope?
(Hope is not wishful thinking. Hope is a confident assurance based on the redemptive work of Christ on the cross.)

E) Introduce Jesus: Hope for Humanity Series

F) Contextualize Genesis 3:1-15.

It is the first passage in the Bible that speaks of humanities' need for hope AND it is the first passage that speaks of God's answer for hopeless humanity.

I. The Source of Hopelessness (Genesis 3:1-7)

A) His original state (Ez. 28:12-17)

WE HAVE AN ENEMY THAT IS REAL

B) Consequence of his choices (Is. 14:12-15)

SATAN HAS NO HOPE!!

B) His destructive desire (Gen. 3:1-7)

HE DESIRES TO STEAL YOUR HOPE!!!

II. Mankind Is Hopeless Apart From God (Gen. 3:8-13)

A) Evidence of hopelessness (3:9-10)

B) Two Aspects of Hope

- 1) Eternal Hope
- 2) Temporal Hope

C) Sources of False Hope

- 1) People
- 2) Money
- 3) World

III. God's Answer for Hopelessness.

A) Victory is Christ's (3:15)

B) Victory is Available to you

Conclusion