

**NOEL: SONG OF HOPE  
GALATIANS 4:4-7**

**Hope: Coming in the fulness of time. Gal. 4:4**

- The time was right **religiously**.
- The time was right **culturally**.
- The time was right **politically**.

**Hope in the person of Jesus Christ. Gal. 4:4-7**

- Hope **stepped** into the world (Jesus Christ). Gal. 4:4; Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:21-25; Luke 1:31-38; John 1:1, 14; Heb. 2:14-15; Rom. 8:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 2:6-7
- Hope that **frees** us from the slavery of sin. Gal. 4:5; 3:13-14; 1:4-5; 2 Pet. 1:4; 2 Cor. 5:17; John 3:3-6; Col. 3:10; 1 Pet. 2:24
- Hope that brings us into the **family** of God. Gal. 4:5-7
  - **Adoption**. Gal. 4:5; 3:26; Rom. 8:16-17; 8:14; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 2:11-22
  - **Spirit**. Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:3-5, 13-14; Rom. 8:14-16
  - **Heir**. Gal. 4:7; Rom. 8:17; Eph. 1:3

**Hope (celebrated). Lam. 3:18-23**

- We have received purpose, **meaning** and direction.
- We know that God will not run nor walk **out** on us.
- We know that God will never **disappoint** us. Rom. 5:5; 9:31
- We know that God will never **quit** on us.

"Hope is called the anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6:19), because it gives stability to the Christian life. But hope is not simply a 'wish' (I wish that such-and-such would take place); rather, it is that which latches on to the certainty of the promises of the future that God has made." RC Sproul

"The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity—hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory—because at the Father's will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross." J.I. Packer

"The best we can hope for in this life is a knothole peek at the shining realities ahead. Yet a glimpse is enough. It's enough to convince our hearts that whatever sufferings and sorrows currently assail us aren't worthy of comparison to that which waits over the horizon." Joni Eareckson Tada

"What gives me the most hope every day is God's grace; knowing that his grace is going to give me the strength for whatever I face, knowing that nothing is a surprise to God." Rick Warren

"Jesus gives us hope because He keeps us company, has a vision and knows the way we should go." Max Lucado

"Where there is no hope in the future, there is no power in the present." John Maxwell