A vertical illustration within a gold arched border. At the top, a bright gold star shines down a beam of light onto a manger. The manger scene shows the Virgin Mary kneeling, the infant Jesus in a manger, and Joseph standing with a staff. Two oxen and a donkey are visible on either side of the manger. The background is a deep blue sky with a distant tree and hills.

# HOPE IS BORN

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# The Best Gift

By Pastor Sabu Samuel

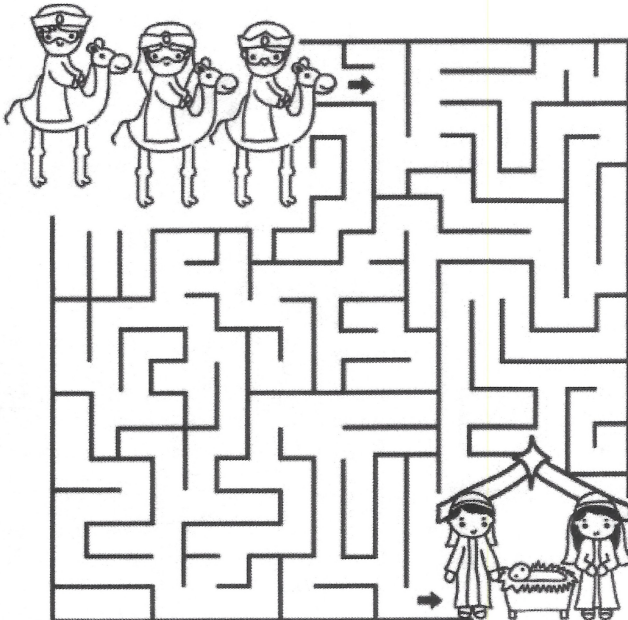
The birth and life of Jesus Christ brings life, hope, and peace to the world. Through Jesus, we are assured that hope and peace are attainable, and it is only through trusting him, we can understand life's true meaning. When we are faced with struggles and challenges, trusting in Jesus gives us living hope. "Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later" (Romans 8:18).

The love of the Lord is very potent and His mercy can liberate us from the many forms of wickedness and evil in the world. The Lord said, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

When Jesus Christ indwells within us, hope is born. Knowing Jesus Christ ushers peace in our life. When we experience the love and forgiveness of Jesus, there is no longer room for hatred, wickedness, evil thoughts, jealousy, and strife. Jesus brings life and hope to the world.

When the angel proclaimed the birth of Jesus Christ, hope was born to humanity who lived in darkness. "Fear not, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (Luke 2:10). The greatest gift to humanity was Jesus coming to us in the form of human flesh. He was to be called Emmanuel, which means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

Jesus Christ came to accomplish a great mission, he rescued the lost, healed the broken hearted, set the captives free, and brought salvation to mankind. Hope is born!





## **Hope is Born Through Christ**

*By Jacob John*

In our life, we face many temptations and we are constantly having a battle with sin. This can be overwhelming and it can be hard to stay on the right path at all times. We may try different things and look for ways to fight it, but in reality, nothing works. Sin is too powerful to fight and if we try, we've already lost. The only way to escape it is to put our trust and our hope in the Lord. Instead of trying to fight sin, we should flee from it and move to the Lord, who will guarantee us victory.

This in itself can also be hard. The devil will make sin and temptation look like the right option, when in reality it will harm us and our relationship with God. We also may wonder why we receive these temptations and why others in our life don't. But God gives us these temptations so we can grow stronger within him and to grow spiritually.

We also have to know why we try to flee from sin. It would be much easier just to let temptation do its thing and affect us. However, in 1 Corinthians 6:9 it says "Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God?" This goes to show our purpose. The life we have here is temporary, but the life we have ahead is eternal. We have to be able to discipline ourselves so we can live for God.

During December, most of the world celebrates Christmas. But many don't realize the true meaning of what it is. It's celebrating when Christ came into this world. With Christ coming into this world a new hope is born and we have a promise that whatever we go through that there is a way out, and that's through the Lord.

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint." - Isaiah 40:31

**← Help the Wise Men find Jesus!**



### WEEKLY MEETINGS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Zoom
Friday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Zoom
Saturday	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Church

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Youth Lunch	Sun. Dec. 14th	Church
Ecumenical Service	Sun. Dec. 14th 5PM	SoCal Indian Church 12700 Paddison Ave, Norwalk, CA 90650
Watch Night Service	Wed. Dec. 31st	Church

### PRAY FOR NATIONS

COUNTRY	CAPITAL	EST. POPULATION
The Bahamas	Nassau	415,000
Timor-Leste	Dili	1,500,000
Togo	Lomé	9,600,000
Trinidad & Tobago	Port of Spain	1,500,000
Tunisia	Tunis	12,500,000