Christmas at North Hills O Holy Night

Galatians 4:4-6 Ephesians 2:1-4 Bro. Jim Ward, Pastor Sunday, December 20th, 2020

- I. Why was the arrival of Jesus necessary?
 - A. "Long lay the world in sin and error pining..."

See the condition of the <u>world</u> and of your <u>soul</u> without <u>Christ</u> – <u>hopeless</u>

B. "Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth – A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices."

The arrival of Jesus provides <u>hope</u> for the world and <u>salvation</u> for your soul.

C. "...the King of kings thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend, He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger..."

The arrival of Jesus gives hope because He <u>identifies</u> with us. We are <u>known</u> and <u>loved</u>.

D. "truly He has taught us to love one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace, chains shall He break for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease..."

The arrival of Jesus gives hope by <u>setting</u> us <u>free</u>. Jesus <u>liberates</u> us.

II. How do we respond to this hope?

"Fall on your knees, O hear the angels voices... Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever..."

The arrival of Jesus gives <u>hope</u>, requires <u>repentance</u>, <u>faith</u> and stirs <u>praise</u>.