



“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation...”

- Col. 1:21-22



# EVERY REASON FOR HOPE: THE PRESENCE

Matthew 1:18-25



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Jesus Christ

Jesus “the Lord is Salvation”

Christ (Gr.) Messiah (Heb.) “Anointed One”

“He will save his people from their sins.”

Woohoo! See Rom. 5:6-8

Isa. 7:14 “Immanuel – which means ‘God with us’”

Recall the early leg of the journey?

“The Lord God banished (Adam) from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After He drove the man out, He placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.” Gen 3:23-24



A wonderful truth of the Incarnation?

Our sins were an affront to God Most High, and yet He is the very One who sent His only Son to rescue us.

And it's not some redemptive 'Hail Mary,' but the unfolding of God's great plan.

See John 1:1-14



Another wonderful truth of the Incarnation?

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The awesome news that – because of Jesus – we don’t have to be who we have always been.

See Colossians 1:9-14



“Every Reason to HOPE!”

Indeed, at the incarnation, the angel army rejoiced  
(Luke 2:13)

The sinless Son of God came to live for a while among us – and to complete the Rescue of those He came to save. The great chasm that separated man and God would be soon be spanned by the Cross.

And for all who would put the full weight of their trust in Christ, the war with God would be over.