



Three ways people deal with the future:

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Why I believe the best is yet to come:

- **Because I can trust God's _____ for me.**

"Is this the future that _____ be or the one that _____ be?" - Ebenezer Scrooge

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. Matt. 1:24

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

- **Because Jesus is working for me - even when I can't _____ Him.**

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. Luke 2:25

*²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?
²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:24, 28*

- **Because the Holy Spirit will _____ me to do the impossible.**

"... I would do it if I could. But I have not the power .. I have not the power." - Ebenezer Scrooge

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5

NEXT STEPS for The Hope of Christmas future:

- ☐ Ask God to give the faith to believe the best is yet to come.
- ☐ Prayer-walk your neighborhood and leave a door-hanger invitation on each door.
- ☐ Bring your friends and family tonight for "Christmas Makes Everything New."