

WHY DOES CHRISTMAS TOUCH OUR HEARTS?

1. We Want There to be – HOPE (9:2)

(Isaiah 9:2) The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness.

- A. Christmas brings people great hope.
- B. Christmas hope can be missed.

2. We Want There to be – JOY (9:3)

(Isaiah 9:3) You have enlarged the nation and increased its joy. The people have rejoiced before You as they rejoice at harvest time and as they rejoice when dividing spoils.

- A. Christmas brings the potential for a whole lot of joy.
- B. The joy of Christmas stays with us long after the music stops.

3. We Want There to be – GOD (9:6-7)

- A. Down deep in all our hearts is the hope that we are not alone.
 - Someone greater than us.
 - Someone to guide us.
 - Someone in control of our world.
 - Someone who loves us.
 - Someone to quiet our souls.
- B. There is someone like that. His name is Jesus.

(Isaiah 9:6-7) For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will accomplish this.