

Christmas Wishes #224 By Lee Logue

May our **Hope be in Him**.

The Hebrew word for "hope" is "tikvah" It is not just a wish, but a strong expectation or confident waiting for something positive to happen.

May His **Peace** be in us as we learn from our trials as well as the good times He provides us.

The Hebrew word that includes peace is "shalom", a state of wholeness, completeness, and fullness; a state where natural needs are met, and natural gifts are used in a fruitful way.

May we delight in the **Joy of life** He has given us.

The Hebrew word for Joy is "simcha".

Simcha can also relate to Rejoicing, Gaiety, Contentment, a Joyful occasion, and a Festivity.

And above all, may we radiate **Love**, meaning those qualities God desires to see in all of us. That means: to our family, friends and acquaintances and yes, even to our enemies.

One of the Hebrew words for Love is "hesed" It has many facets, including "grace", "lovingkindness", "mercy". It conveys a sense of loyalty and actions that inspire compassionate and merciful behavior towards others.

God has much planned for us now and when Jesus' second Advent occurs.

May we think of this physical life as the elementary school of eternity. There is so much more for us to learn and accomplish in God's Plan for Eternity.

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