

**Sermon Quotes**  
**December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006**  
**Guest Speaker- Tony Walsh**

Main Thought for Today:

“The fruit of the gospel is hope, enduring faith, & joy even when life is hard or bewildering”

“Worship is when the mind apprehends great truth about God, and the heart kicks in with deep feelings of brokenness or wonder and gladness and admiration and gratitude.”

—John Piper

**John 3:3** Jesus answered Nicodemus, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**Eph. 2:1** “...You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked”

**2 Cor 4:6** “For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

*A “Living Hope” is a live, growing, fertile, productive hope, producing changes in how we live.*

“God's power protects us for salvation by sustaining our faith. The only thing that can keep us from heaven is forsaking our faith in Christ, and turning to other hopes, other treasures. So to protect us **God prevents that**. He inspires and nourishes and strengthens and builds our faith. And in doing this He secures us against the only thing that could destroy us; unbelief, lack of trust in God.”

—John Piper

Application:

1. Recognized that God is at work in our trials & pain to bring Him glory.
2. Stand firm in your faith!
3. Don't allow your circumstances to define you or interpret reality for you!
4. Rejoice in Christ & trusting in Him alone!

“It is thus joy that results from being in the presence of God Himself, and joy that even now partakes of the character of heaven. It is the joy of heaven before heaven, experienced now in fellowship with the unseen Christ.”

—Wayne Grudem