**The Christ Candle Outline Luke 2:1-7**

**I. There's no real hope without Christ**

A. We have hope for today because Christ is with us.

B. We have hope for tomorrow because Christ will never leave us.

C. We have hope for eternity because Christ is coming back to judge the world, gather his people and renew all things.

**II. There’s no real love without Christ** 1 John 4:7-8

A. Joseph’s love for Mary, Mary’s love for Jesus, God's love for sinners in sending His own Son, our love for others, reflecting His love for us.

1 John 4:9-10 “This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

**III. There's no real joy without Christ**

A. Jesus brings the joy of salvation. There’s no real joy without salvation, no real salvation without joy and joy leads to proclamation

**IV. There’s no real peace without Christ**

A Jesus brings peace with God

B. Jesus brings peace with self

C. Jesus brings peace with others

D. Jesus will bring peace on earth. All that was broken in the Fall will be restored.

**V. Conclusion**: Just as the fire is central to all the good things about the fireplace, so Christ is central to Christmas. Hope, peace, joy and love ALL come from Him.