

# “Writing A Good End To Your Christmas Carol”

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Highline Christian Church

We all need \_\_\_\_\_.

Hope opens our hearts to the possibility that our lives can be \_\_\_\_\_.

Scrooge was asking—“If we change the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives, can our \_\_\_\_\_ be different?”

## 1. We Must Accept The Truth About \_\_\_\_\_

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32

While the truth will set you free, first it will likely make you \_\_\_\_\_.

Biblically speaking, our hope must be based on \_\_\_\_\_, not dreams and fantasies of our own creation.

No matter how many \_\_\_\_\_ we attach to our lives, we can never be \_\_\_\_\_ with God on our own.

## 2. We Must Accept The Truth About \_\_\_\_\_

“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....” 1 Peter 1:3

Thank you Lord for wet \_\_\_\_\_!

Peter sees \_\_\_\_\_ at the center of Christ’s gospel.

Hope comes from changing our \_\_\_\_\_ not our \_\_\_\_\_.

“Don’t let the world squeeze you into its mold, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind” Romans 12:2

### **Applying the Message:**

If I died today the ending to my Christmas Carol would be

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Here’s what I want the last page of my life to say:

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