

- In Biblical Hebrew there are about 7,000 words.
- Modern Hebrew has approximately 33,000 words.
- The English language has over 171,000 words.
- Greek has more words than any other language: 5 million.
- Yet the totality of human language is inadequate to describe the magnitude of God's gift to us: His Son, Jesus Christ.

I. Hope Against Hope – (Romans 4:18)

- a. God-given hope exceeds perceived reality
- b. God-given hope defies rationality
- c. *The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee...*

II. Peace That Transcends All Understanding – (Philippians 4:7)

- a. Paul was the most educated Apostle
- b. God's peace is "held above the mind & intellect"
- c. This peace is yours—in Christ—for the asking

III. Exceedingly Great Joy – (Matthew 2:10)

- a. The angel announced "good news of *mega* joy"
- b. To *rejoice* is to respond to the source of joy
- c. The expression of rejoicing is worship

IV. Love That Surpasses Knowledge – (Ephesians 3:18-19)

- a. Listen to Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-19
- b. How can we know a love that's beyond knowledge?
 - i. Hold Him in your arms
 - ii. See Him take your sins, sorrows, and shame

Love divine, all loves excelling

Joy of heav'n, to earth come down

Visit us with Thy salvation

Enter every trembling heart

- Charles Wesley, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"