



**Message Notes**  
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 Hope for the Hurting

**Finding the Christmas Spirit:** The Christmas Spirit was first revealed through the prophesies of the Old Testament.

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...** Isaiah 9:6

**1. God's promises of hope transcends \_\_\_\_\_**

"Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as those who from the beginning were **eyewitnesses** and ministers of the word delivered them to us, <sup>3</sup> it seemed good to me also, having had **perfect** understanding of all things from the very **first**, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> that you may know the **certainty** of those things in which you were instructed." — Luke 1:1-4 NKJV

**Eyewitness:** GR Trans: "Autophes"  
 Detailed examination

**Perfect:** GR: Trans. : "Akribos"  
 Exactly; accurately; diligently

**First:** GR Trans: "Anthen"  
 From heaven/ from God

**Certainty:** GR Trans: "Asphalea"  
 Undoubted truth; firmness

**More facts on these verses:**

Luke, highly educated physician & historian  
 312 words used nowhere else / 50 medical terms  
 Hands on with Paul through the early church

**2. God's promise of hope overcomes \_\_\_\_\_**

"There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years ...<sup>24</sup> Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, <sup>25</sup> "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on *me*, to take away my **reproach** among people." — Luke 1: 5-7; 24-25

GR: "Oneidos" Shame

**3. God's promise of hope is received by \_\_\_\_\_**

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name *was* Mary.<sup>28</sup> And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!" <sup>29</sup> But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. <sup>30</sup> Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.<sup>36</sup> Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.<sup>37</sup> For with God nothing will be impossible." — Luke 1:26-37

**4. God's promise of hope requires \_\_\_\_\_**

Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her." — Luke 1:38



**My Next Steps:**

- A. Read Isaiah 9 & Luke 1
- B. Memorize Luke 1:37 & 38
- C. Rest in God's giving Spirit