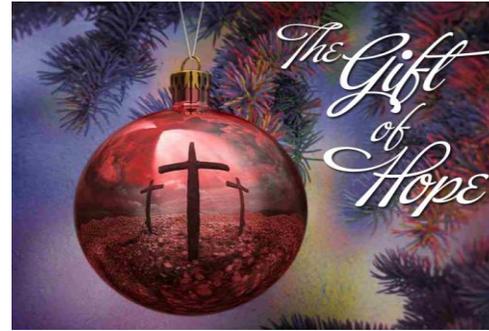


Additional Notes:



Hope Is Born Series:
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I Peter 1:13

“The Christian religion, is, in the long run, a thing of unspeakable hope. But it does not begin in hope; it begins in dismay.”
(C.S. Lewis)

1. _____ And _____ God Does Not Exempt Me From _____.

When Herod was king of Judea, there was a Jewish priest named Zechariah. He was a member of the priestly order of Abijah, and his wife, Elizabeth, was also from the priestly line of Aaron. ⁶Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God’s eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord’s commandments and regulations. Luke 1:5,6 (NLT)

At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him. Luke 2:25 (NLT)

A. They Lived In _____ Times.

“When Herod was king of Judea...” Luke 1:5 (NLT)

B. They Lived With Personal _____.

And they had no child, because that Elizabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. Luke 1:7 (KJV)

And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with *her* husband seven years after her marriage,³⁷ and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.

Luke 2: 36-37 (NAS)

2. Faith Is Sustained By _____.

The angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. ¹⁴He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth."
Luke 1:13-14 (NIV)

Zechariah = "God _____."

Elizabeth = "_____ Of God; God gives _____"

John = "God is a _____"

Simeon = "He Who _____"

Anna = "_____"

At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him ²⁶and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, ²⁸Simeon was there. He took the Child in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹"Sovereign Lord, now let Your servant die in peace, as You have promised. ³⁰I have seen Your salvation, ³¹which You have prepared for all people. ³²He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and He is the glory of Your people Israel!"
Luke 2:25-31 (NLT)

So God has given both His promise and His oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to Him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. ¹⁹This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.

Hebrews 6:18-19a (NLT)

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. ²⁴Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.
Hebrews 10:23-25 (NLT)

3. _____ Empowers Me To Speak God's To Others.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!...⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord."

Luke 1:41, 42, 45 (NAS)

Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about Him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, but he will be a joy to many others. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. ³⁵As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."
Luke 2:33-35 (NLT)

A. Bless Them With My _____.

At that very moment she came up and *began* giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.
Luke 2:38 (NAS)

B. Bless Them With My _____.

For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. ¹²And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, ¹³while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. ¹⁴He gave His life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us His very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.
Titus 2:11-14 (NLT)

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, ¹⁵but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; ¹⁶because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."
I Peter 1:13-16 (NAS)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13 (NIV)