

Radiant Hope: A Present for Everyone

Text: *Luke 2:10-11*

I. Introduction

In Luke 2:1-20, Luke the physician recounts the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ

II. Darkness Threatens

1. The entrance of sin into humanity caused a _____ between Man and God that has echoed throughout the ages
 - i. Rom 8:7 – fleshly mind cannot obey God's law
 - ii. Rom 3:11 – no one seeks after God
2. So many have tried to fix themselves and this world to _____

III. Hope is Born

1. The ailments of humanity was something only _____ could heal
 - Mark 10:18 – no one is good but God alone
 - Rom 3:10-12 – No one seeks after God; no one is good
 - Rom 3:23 – all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
2. But certain _____ had to be met

IV. Hope Defined

1. The _____ had to be right
 - i. On earth
 - ii. In Bethlehem (the city of David)
2. The _____ had to be right
 - i. Prophecied that the line of Judah, the family of David would produce the Messiah
3. The _____ had to be right
 - i. OT written

- ii. Romans had developed road systems, which led to the swift spread of the Gospel

Gal. 4:4-5 – “⁴ But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, ⁵ so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

- 4. The _____ had to be right

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit to a believing woman, Mary. (Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38)

Jesus Christ alone is God incarnate (in human flesh) (John 1:1-18; Heb. 1:1-3; 2:14-18; Phil 2:5-11; 1 Tim. 2:5-6)

Christ alone lived a sinless life (2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15; 7:23-28; 9:13-14; 1 Pet 2:21-24)

Christ alone died a substitutionary death and endured the punishment for the sins of the world (Is. 53:4-6; Rom 3:21-26; 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:10-14)

Christ alone rose from the dead triumphant over sin (Acts 2:22-24; Rom 4:25; 1 Cor 15:3-8, 16-23)

V. Conclusion

1. In Our Heavenly Father we see the humbling example of the Creator God who offered His own Son to bring redemption to an unfaithful and treacherous people
2. In Christ we see the Son who offered up His life so that He could rescue a people from the flames of Hell
3. This people now enjoys empowerment by the Holy Spirit as they are given the keys to the Kingdom that has no end.
4. **Acts 4:12** – “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

Answer Key:

VI. Introduction

VII. Darkness Threatens

- a. The entrance of sin into humanity caused a **RIFT** between Man and God that has echoed throughout the ages
- b. So many have tried to fix themselves and this world to **NO AVAIL**

VIII. Hope is Born

- a. The ailments of humanity was something only **GOD HIMSELF** could heal
- b. But certain **CONDITIONS** had to be met

IX. Hope Defined

- a. The **LOCATION** had to be right
- b. The **FAMILY** had to be right
- c. The **TIMING** had to be right
- d. The **PERSON** had to be right

Conclusion