

“Proclaiming the Path to Peace”

New Hope Community Church

December 16th, 2018

Luke 1:57-80

Life Group Meeting

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QUESTIONS

A. The Path to Peace Begins With A Work of God (57-66)

1. Though Israel was oppressed, God was doing something great
 - His **mercy** was evident in the opening of Elizabeth’s womb
 - His **grace** was proclaimed in the naming of John
 - His **power** was displayed in the loosening of Zacharias’ tongue
2. The display of God’s greatness captured attention

B. The Path to Peace Is Understood By A Word From God (67-80)

1. God has sent forth His Holy Spirit to **reveal** His plan (67)
2. God has brought forth One to **redeem** His people (68)
 - His people includes **all** who believe - Jew & Gentile (Ro 1:16)
 - His Redeemer would be sufficient in **strength** (69a)
 - His Redeemer would be David’s **descendant** (69b)
 - His Redeemer would provide a complete **rescue** (70,71)
 - His Redeemer would be the fulfillment of His covenant (72-75)
 - (1) A covenant of **mercy**
 - (2) A covenant based on the faithfulness of God **alone**
 - (3) A covenant that opens the way into the **presence** of God
 - (4) A covenant that will not **fail**
3. God has brought forth one to prepare His **people** (76)
 - John would preach **repentance** (77)
 - John would proclaim the visitation of God’s **Son**
 - (1) This One would shine **light** into the darkness (78)
 - (2) This One would make possible **peace** with God (79b)

Personal Reflection

Do I have true, inner peace today? _____

*For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us . . .
and His name will be called Prince of Peace
Isaiah 9:6*

- 1) Read Luke 1:57-80
- 2) What one thing did you take away from this week’s sermon?
- 3) What do you think is the significance of God not allowing Zacharias to speak for 9 months, then loosening his tongue upon the declaration that the child’s name would be “John”?
- 4) When was the last time you saw something great that God did, and you took time to stop, ponder, and pray about what it was He was doing and how you should respond? Share about it.
- 5) As the Holy Spirit guides Zacharia’s prophetic words, what is it about these words that is especially noteworthy?
- 6) In speaking of salvation that God would bring through the Messiah (vs 70,71), a quotation is used from Ps 106:10 that refers to Israel’s deliverance through the Red Sea. What do you think is the significance of this reference?
- 7) How is it that John would “prepare the way” for the Lord? (vs 76,77)
- 8) The Savior would “guide our feet into the way of peace”. How has He done this in specific ways in your life?
- 9) As you pray together, share specific requests where you know that the peace of the Savior is greatly needed.