

The Gift of Hope
The Gifts of Christmas Part II
New Song Community Church
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Text: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (NIV)

A. Isaiah's prophecy:

1. The Word of God always brings hope and life. (the prophetic word)

Isaiah 9:2

- i. People were living hopeless lives of quiet desperation.
2. For the people living in deep darkness, a new day was dawning.

Isaiah 9:6

- i. A son that would affect the entire world.
- ii. He will become the ruler of the entire world.
- iii. When he rules the world, everything will be right again. Life will be as it should be...the righteous will be rewarded, and evil will no longer be permitted to win over the good.

V. 6 (continued)

- iv. Those were not only his names, but the promise of who he would be.

B. Hope Past.

1. Because Jesus Came that first time, we can be certain that he will come again.

C. Present hope.

(Hebrews 6:19)

- Firm and secure.
- Hope doesn't **change** the storms of life, but God is the anchor.

D. Future Hope:

Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)

1. We are living in the time between the coming of Jesus to a Bethlehem manger as a baby, and the second coming of Jesus as Lord and King.
2. One day all will be well again in our world, there will be peace on earth.

E. Confident Hope.

Hebrews 11:1

1. Gabriel's announcement to Mary still required great faith to come to pass.
2. That kind of faith leads to action.
3. Because God is with us...we can be confident no matter what the circumstance is.

Next Steps Today I am:

1. Committing my life to Christ
 2. Asking God to renew my hope and confidence in God's control over my situation.
 3. Asking God for the faith to trust in his provision.
 4. Today God is saying to me:
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