

# Christmas is...

## #1 "A PROMISE FULFILLED"

### 1. Promises are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalms 119:162 (NIV)** I rejoice in your promise like one who finds great spoil.

**Hebrews 6:13-15 (NIV)** When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

**Hebrews 11:11 (NIV)** And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.

**2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)** For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

**Ephesians 2:1-3 (NIV)** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

#### HERE ARE SOME PROMISES GIVEN TO US:

**Genesis 3:15 (NIV)** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

**Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

**Matthew 1:23 (NIV)** The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means "God with us").

**Micah 5:2 (NIV)** But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

**Matthew 2:6 (NIV)** But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

**Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV)** The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

**Matthew 1:1 (NIV)** This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham.

## 2. Fulfilled promises bring \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 2:6-11 (NIV)** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

## 3. Fulfilled promises bring \_\_\_\_\_ for the future.

**Acts 1:9-11 (NIV)** After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

**Hebrews 10:35 (NIV)** So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.