

## SURPRISED BY HOPE

A Savior Is Born – Part 2

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### HOPE IS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT FOR AN ABUNDANT LIFE

*“Hope deferred makes the heart sick...” Proverbs 13:12 (NLT)*

**We need hope – There is hope!**

#### MEMORY VERSE:

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)*

### FOUR QUALITIES OF THE SAVIOR THAT SURPRISE US BY HOPE

#### QUALITY 1: JESUS AS MY COUNSELOR REVEALS GOD’S LOVE FOR ME

1. The Bible says all wisdom and knowledge is hidden in him.
2. God’s love is more amazing than the largest stars or planets.
3. Jesus came as the embodiment of God’s unconditional love.

*“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NIV)*

*“For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life. For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through him.”*  
John 3:16-17 (Amp)

#### QUALITY 2: JESUS AS THE MIGHTY GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS

1. This includes His sovereignty.
2. He uses all to shape us into His image.
3. There is nothing in your life or mine that can happen outside of the power of Jesus.
4. God accomplishes His purposes through my problems!

*“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”*

James 1:2-4

*“There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.” 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)*

*“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” 1 Pet. 5:7*

*“For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Col. 1:16-17 (NIV)*

#### QUALITY 3: JESUS AS THE EVERLASTING FATHER KEEPS HIS PROMISES

1. God can be trusted
2. Broken promises break hearts and no promise will be broken.

*“He [Jesus] is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God’s] nature...” Heb. 1:3a (Amp)*

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.” Psalm 46:1-3 (NIV)*

*“The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”  
Psalm 84:11 (NASB)*

*“The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.” Psalm 92:12-13 (NIV)*

*“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10 (NASB)*

*“If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”  
John 14:3 (NASB)*

See also: Matthew 6:25-32; John 10:27-30 & 14:16;  
Romans 5:6-10; Philippians 4:6-7; 1 John 1:9; Deuteronomy 31:8.

#### **QUALITY 4: JESUS AS THE PRINCE OF PEACE HAS MADE PEACE BETWEEN GOD AND ME**

1. *The bad news – God must punish sin*
2. *The good news – Jesus took upon himself ALL sin!*

*“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV)*

***Application: Which quality do you need to be reminded of each day? At this season in your life?***