

## God's Promises Fulfilled in Jesus

*And being fully persuaded, that what He had promised, He was able also to perform.—  
Romans 4:21*

God blessed us with many precious promises. Those promises are fulfilled in Jesus. When He came to this earth, He fulfilled the promises of His presence, of salvation, of light, of rest, of friendship, of joy, of peace and of abundant life.

God promised His *presence*. He promised to be with us. *“Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us”* (Matthew 1:23).

God also promised to send a *Savior* to save us from our sins. Jesus came to be our Savior. *“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord”* (Luke 2:11).

Another promise from God is the promise of *light*. Jesus said, *“I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life”* (John 8:12)

To the weary Christian, God promised rest and that rest comes from Jesus. *“Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”* (Matthew 11:28).

*Friendship is important to all of us and perfect friendship is promised in Jesus. “. . . I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known unto you”* (John 15:15).

True joy is promised and it comes as a result of Jesus. *“. . . For the joy of the Lord is your strength”* (Nehemiah 8:10).

The promise of peace is given by Jesus, *“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid”* (John 14:27).

Jesus promised us life and not just any quality of life, but abundant life. *“. . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”* (John 10:10).

This Christmas we need to be thankful for the promises that came with Jesus' birth. The promise of His presence, His peace, His joy, His friendship, His rest, His light and abundant life are precious to us and perhaps the greatest promise was that He came to save us from our sins.