



Christmas and Covenants

Luke 1:67-80

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*Today's Scripture can be found on page 856 (regular print)
or page 1018 (large print) in the Bibles under the chairs.*

1. God Has Been Faithful to His Covenants (1:67-75)
2. God Continues in Faithfulness to His New Covenant (1:76-80)

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Look at the usage of salvation in this passage. What development in perspective occurs between salvation in Luke 1:69-71 to Luke 1:77? What does this teach us about who our real enemy is? Consider also verses like Eph 6:12; Gen 4:7; Rom 6:14; 1 Pet 5:8.
2. Read Luke 1:74-75. Do we use our freedom to serve God? Where does fear take hold of your heart when it comes to serving God?
3. Zechariah looks back on God's faithful promises through God's covenants with David (1:69-71), Abraham (1:72-73), and Moses (1:74-75). He then looks forward to the New Covenant (1:76-79). How does this teach you to look back at God's faithfulness to feed your future hope?
4. God will bring light to those who sit in darkness (1:78-79). Consider some of the verses that speak of the light God brings. How do these help you walk with Christ and shine the light of Christ? A small selection of texts speaking to this are:

Ex 10:23	Ps 119:105	John 3:20-21
Ex 13:21	Isa 9:2	John 8:12
Ps 4:6	Isa 6-7	John 12:46
Ps 18:23	Isa 60:1-2	2 Cor 4:6
Ps 27:1	Matt 5:14-16	Eph 3:9
Ps 36:9	Luke 11:36	Eph 5:8-14
Ps 43:3	John 1:4-9	1 John 1:5-7
5. How has your understanding of God's redeeming work been strengthened from Luke 1:67-80? What are some ways that you will respond this week?