



The Spotlight - January 2021



Happy New Year!

Well, this is one year where we imagine hope will reign over the usual New Year Resolutions. 'New Year New Hope' is a phrase that sounds good enough to become popular, but does it really reflect truth? The answer will almost certainly be 'Yes' from a human perspective as we all eagerly seek or await resolutions to the crisis we are living through, but in reality the answer is surely 'No', for there's nothing new about hope for Christians.

It's a part of the gift package that everyone receives when they receive Christ as their Lord and Saviour, but unlike it's human version, the hope that Christ provides is not a form of wishful thinking, nor can it be dashed, because in Christ, hope is always fulfilled. Of course, we have our part to play, which can be summed up in words we heard recently: Never doubt in the dark, what God told you in the light. We have good reason too; here's just three of hundreds of assurances:

Romans 12:12 *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*

Psalm 146:5 *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.*

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

In the following weeks, we're actually going to be focusing on the individual promises of God that can be yours, if they aren't already. You'll find each one presented with clarity and if God's promises don't do it for you, nothing will, for unlike those of man, the promises God makes are always fulfilled. Join us in the Family Room in the coming weeks to see exactly what awaits you along with the part you have to play in seeing each one fulfilled - yes, we do have roles to play!

Here are the last four five-minute messages presented in the weeks leading up to Christmas and although the season is now past, it's never too late to discover or share Jesus in all His Glory.

[1. Jesus: The Prophecies](#)

[2. Jesus: The Person](#)

[3. Jesus: The Passion](#)

[4. Jesus: The Promise](#)

On a personal level, our first ever novel will be released later this month, so if you enjoy murder mysteries, do visit our website <https://jamiejlaine.com> to find out more. If you have any difficulties connecting, please let us know so that we can have teething problems fixed quickly.

God bless you in all the ways you need His blessing this year, and thank you for journeying with us throughout 2020.

Love in Christ, Jim & Elaine

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

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