

# CONFIDENT

## Walk Boldly in Your Faith

Part 6

Statement 3: Jesus has stepped into this world to bring **HOPE**

His arrival was a **REAL** advent

It was **HISTORICAL** in its occurrence

It was **RATIONAL** in its purpose

It was **UNIVERSAL** in its scope

It was **PERSONAL** in its offer

His hope is **REAL** heart hope

He offers both **IMMEDIATE** and **FUTURE** hope  
Rom. 15:13, 8:24-25

He **DECLARES** us righteous & writes our name in His Book  
Rom. 5:1; Luke 10:20; Rev. 21:27

He **INFUSES** our hearts with **HIMSELF**  
Colossians 3:12-15; Rom. 5:3-5

His Spirit brings about real change, reform, and **TRANSFORMATION**  
Galatians 5:22-23

*Hate*

*Pessimism, depression*

*Anxiety, fear*

*Anger, impatience*

*Cruelty*

*Spitefulness*

*Harshness*

*Irresponsibility*

*Addiction, immaturity*



**LOVE**

**JOY**

**PEACE**

**PATIENCE**

**KINDNESS**

**GOODNESS**

**GENTLENESS**

**FAITHFULNESS**

**SELF-CONTROL**

His hope can **REVOLUTIONIZE** families, homes, neighborhoods, cities, nations, the world  
1 Pet. 3:15

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**Romans 15:13** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 8:24-25** For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

### DISCOVER

1. How was the arrival of Jesus a monumental event in the history of the world? Why were those present with Jesus and family, near the time of His birth, so excited? What did they understand then that we don't today? Do you have to turn off intellect to believe in Jesus and simply have the faith of a child (see Matthew 18:2-4)? Explain.
2. If someone asked how Jesus could be both God and man at the same time, how would you respond? We talk about having a personal relationship with Jesus. What does that mean? How is Jesus the perfect revelation of the Father's love? What hope has Jesus brought into your life? In what area and what way? What is your motivation for sharing hope?
3. Why does surrendering to Jesus give hope? What immediate hope is brought by Jesus? What future hope is promised? Do you believe His hope can revolutionize families, homes, communities, nations, the world? Explain what this ideal might look like or give historical perspective (i.e. Where have you seen this in play?).

### EXPLORE

1. Read Luke 10:20. Based on this scripture, for what should we rejoice? Share when you last rejoiced in your name being recorded in heaven. What does it take for your name to be written in the Lamb's book of life? (Revelation 21:27)
2. Read Galatians 5:22-23. Now for each of the following dispositions, give a Fruit of the Spirit that would be transforming: for example, hate → love, pessimism or depression, anxiety or fear, anger or impatience, cruelty, spitefulness, harshness, irresponsibility, and addiction or immaturity. How does God infuse our hearts with Himself? What makes you think that hearts really can change when someone becomes a believer?
3. What justification do you have for the hope you have? Read 1 Peter 3:15. If you don't feel confident in giving an account for the hope that is in you, then what steps should you take to be better prepared?

### EXPERIENCE

1. What is your 30 second faith story? If you can't say it quickly then you may lose opportunities to share. How should we approach rejection if we try and share our faith only to be rebuffed?
2. What are some resources that you would point a skeptic toward if they are open to Jesus being the source of salvation?
3. In which of the Fruit of the Spirit have you had discernable growth since you became a believer? How do you know if you really have been saved? What assurances do you have?
4. Why does the world only need Jesus?

### PRAY

*Pray... God, you have given us so many reasons to have hope in this very moment and for eternity. Open our eyes and give us love for our neighbors so that we are compelled by your Spirit to share the hope that is within. We want to be individuals and churches that spread the contagion of good news. In a dark and hurting world, may we be bearers of hope in the Living God. We need You. The world needs you. Amen.*