

# REDEMPTION CHURCH

## Looking Forward | For Future Generations

### BIG POINT

Remember back to the start of the **Two Truths and a Lie** series, Steven promised it would be two things: 1) severely honest, raw, and slightly gloomy, and 2) unbelievably hopeful. Here we see the hope. The end of Isaiah 59 points us to a beautiful future and shows exactly how it will happen. This week we see how it happens spiritually. Next week we see how it happens practically.

### REMINDER

Looking back to [Isaiah 58:1-10](#), God was calling us to do be obedient and He promised a blessing. We weren't, so it all fell apart. But... look its hopeful end!

*And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.*

**Isaiah 58:12**

This week we kicked off a mini 2-week series, "Looking Forward" that transitions us from our 2 Truths series into our Christmas series. We're digging into the last two verses of Isaiah 59. They are the hope at the end of the chapter.

*"And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the Lord. "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the Lord: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the Lord, "from this time forth and forevermore."*

**Isaiah 59:20-21**

### Notes:

We have so much to hope for when we believe and follow God! Today we will focus in on four reasons for hope:

#### #1: We have hope in a sure salvation.

"And a redeemer will come to Israel..." (Is. 58:20) News flash, He did –we call it Christmas. He's here, alive and has redeemed us. We have no doubt He is coming again. That gives us hope!

Luke 2:38, *And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.*

Many have asked, "what do we think about the end times around here?" There's lots to discuss and someday we will in greater detail, but lets look at 5 things we're certain of:

- Jesus will return for his church. Who will that be? Everyone who is redeemed, who converts...it's not for everyone.

*"To those in Jacob who turn from transgression..."*

And [Galatians 2:16](#)

- We want to be working for the Kingdom when He returns.
- We need to evaluate the signs– there are certainly signs right now that point to a return.

## Titus 2:11-14

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

**14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession *who are zealous for good works.***

## NOW WHAT?

### Release your zeal!

1. Be filled with the Spirit.
2. Know the Word of God.
3. Teach the Word of God to our children.
4. Busy ourselves with Kingdom-minded work.

- When is He coming back? We can't be certain.
- In the meantime, keep operating in our authority.

We can be confident in our Redeemer and in His return. Our salvation was promised through Abraham, through Moses and the Law, through David and his line, through Isaiah and his prophecy, through Nehemiah and the re-building, even through the silent years, and again upon Christ's birth.

### #2: We have hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*"And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the Lord: "My Spirit that is upon you..."* (Is. 58:21)

How do we continue this work to which we have been called? Through the Holy Spirit:

- The Holy Spirit started with Christ ([Matthew 3:16-17](#))
- Then He fell on the church ([Acts 2:1-4](#))
- He now works in us ([Galatians 3:2-3](#))

Friends, are we operating in the power of the Holy Spirit? If we want to have a generational impact, we need the Holy Spirit on our side. We can't do this alone. We can't change ourselves, our families, or our culture on our own. We need to be equipped, empowered, and moved by Holy Spirit.

### #3: We have hope in the power of God's Word.

*"and my words that I have put in your mouth..."* (Is:58:21)

- *"For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory."* (2 Cor. 1:20)
- *"For the word of God will never fail."* (Luke 1:37 NLT)
- *"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."* (Hebrews 4:12)

### #4: We have hope in a church that will never die.

*"and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring,"* (Is:58:21)

We don't just have hope of a multi-generational church, but a church that makes multi-generational decisions...a church that is looking forward from a people that are looking forward.

For what purpose? Titus 2:14 –release our zeal!