



North Church Message Notes

He Keeps His Promises The Promise Perfectly Kept

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Christmas can be difficult!

- Problems we cannot solve... *I'm the problem I cannot solve*
- People we cannot control... *I'm the people I cannot control*
- Expectations we cannot meet... *I'm the one setting expectations I cannot meet*

Regardless of where you are or what is happening in your life, here is what I know...

- **Everyone is seeking something that we can count on...**
 - In our jobs, relationships, health, college decisions, families
 - The bottom line is that we are searching for this one word...
 - SECURITY...security in what we hope for but do not yet see...security in a Promise to be Perfectly Kept

Characteristics of a promise:

- Arrangement between two or more people (me, myself, & I)
- Faith in something to come (you haven't seen it yet)
- Transfer Trust to the person making the promise (its on them)

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year not because of what is HAPPENING but what was promised HAPPENED.

"The days are coming," declares the Lord,

"when I will make a new covenant... **– Jeremiah 31:31 (NIV)**

Luke 2:1-7 (NIV)

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world... And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them."

John 1:4-5 (NIV)

⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

“I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” **—Matthew 28:20 (NIV)**