

# Grace of Christmas

Part 1: No Ordinary Child | Text: Isaiah 9:6,7

**Promise: Isaiah 9:6,7**

**Plan: Acts 7:17-22 | Hebrews 11:23 | Acts 7:17**

**As the time drew near to fulfill His promise to Abraham, the increase of God began to happen.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 12:7
- \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 15:12-16
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Peter 4:7,8

1 Peter 4:7,8 (GW)

The end of everything is near. Therefore, practice self-control, and keep your minds clear so that you can pray. (8) Above all, love each other warmly, because love covers many sins.

**Acts 7:18**

**The government situation did not look like it was going to help God's plan.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 1:11
- \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 13:1 | Exodus 22:28
- \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 4:19,20

Ephesians 1:11 (MSG) It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living...

Ephesians 1:11 (NIV) In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will...

**Acts 7:19,20 (KJV) | Hebrews 11:23**

**Moses was born in a time that looked impossible for him to fulfill his destiny.**

- Midwives Exodus 1:15-22
- Definitions Time: Karios: due season, proper time  
Exceedingly: Theos: divinity, magistrate  
Fair: Asteios: child of a city, handsome  
Saw: eido: to see and know, be aware

**Exodus 2:1-10**

**God's plan will come about and God will use His wisdom to see that all things work for His good.**

- Pharaoh's daughter trained in ways of Egypt
- Educated construction and warfare
- Pride desert experience, Romans 12:3 (MSG)

Romans 12:3 I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. **The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.** (Bold added)

**Application to our lives:**

- Romans 8:28-31
- Psalm 139:13-18
- 1 Peter 1:2, 15, 16

1 Peter 1:2 (GW)

God the Father knew you long ago and chose you to live holy lives with the Spirit's help so that you are obedient to Jesus Christ and are sprinkled with his blood.

1 Peter 1:15, 16 (NLT) But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God--who chose you to be his children--is holy. (16) For he himself has said, "You must be holy because I am holy."

## D12 Group Discussion Questions

1. Discuss Acts 7:17-22 especially looking at the difficulties and making application to you.
2. Discuss 1 Peter 4:7, 8.
3. Read through Exodus 2:1-10 and pick out the part that shows the hand of God reaching into history.
4. Read the application scriptures and make application to your life.

## Prayer Focus

Pray for the health of the congregation.