



Scriptures from New International Version unless noted

Anticipation

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (Genesis 12:1-3)

“I will also make you a light for the Gentiles that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” (Isaiah 49:6)

Specific Prophecies about Jesus

1. Born of a Virgin

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)

2. Messiah will come from Bethlehem

“But you, Bethlehem... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” (Micah 5:2)

3. God revealed in Galilee

...in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations... The people walking in darkness have seen a great light... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end... establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. (Isaiah 9:1-7)

4. He would die for our sins (crucifixion)

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?... Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering... But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way... he was cut off from the land of the living... though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. (Isaiah 53:1-9)

5. See Light and Live (resurrection)

After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied... for he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:11, 12)

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned... (John 3:16-18)

God's Gift Includes:

Freedom

...Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31)

Freedom from Worry

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear... Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?... seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:25-26, 33)

Burden-Free Living

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

Freedom from Addictions

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin... if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:34, 36)

Abundant Life

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

"So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him." (Matthew 7:11 NLT)