

## I. Our Response To Hope (Luke 1:56-66)

### A. Hope is Born (56-57)

1. Mary Remained with Elizabeth until her term (56)
2. Elizabeth bore a son (57)
3. God's Word has Come to Pass (certainty)

### B. The Response to Hope (58-66)

#### 1. God's Blessing is Followed By Obedience (58-64)

##### a. Everyone Recognized God's Blessing (58-59)

###### i. They understood God's mercy to her (58)

- No great stretch to see God's Work
- It is all around us
- Easy for people to Rejoice

###### ii. They Wanted to name the Baby (59)

- Followed Tradition
- Accept blessing and "back to normal"
- Tip hat to God

##### b. Parent's Responded to Blessing with Obedience (60-64)

###### i. The Parent's Obeyed God's Word (60-62)

- They named him John
- Despite the objections of the people
- They chose to follow God's Word

###### ii. The Silence of Zechariah was lifted (64)

- God's Word was fulfilled
- Baby born, baby named, silence lifted
- "till all these things are fulfilled"

###### iii. Obedience should follow Blessing

- God has the big picture
- Our thankfulness includes much more than words and songs

##### c. Everyone Wondered At God's Work (65-66)

###### i. Word spread about what happened (65)

- Blessing and Obedience are noticed
- They are a testimony

###### ii. Word spread about the child (66)

- God exalts obedience before men
- Men wonder at the life of the godly

###### iii. God's hand is with the obedient

- Not perfection, direction
- heart is changed