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WEEK EIGHT The Resolute Gift **Joseph Sissac, Senior Pastor** Isaiah 7:14, John 3:16



INTRODUCTION

During the Christmas season followers of Christ throughout the world, remember and celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known, the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. Isaiah 7:14 says,

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."

The name Immanuel means God is with us. The "with us" experience literally means the physical manifestation of God in the person of Jesus Christ. The birth of Christ is a miracle that involves more than Mary and Joseph. It is the outcome of a RESOLUTE COVENANT between God the Father and God the Son.

KEEPING THEIR WORD

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." -John 3:16

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST WAS:

- 1. An act of LOVE
- 2. An act of **GENEROSITY**
- 3. A unique, rare, exclusive, one-of-a-kind, **ONLY BEGOTTEN GIFT**
- 4. A **PROMISE**
- 5. A fulfillment of an **AGREEMENT**

PROMISES AND COVENANTS

The birth of Christ is the result of the character of God and the execution of the plan of salvation. But without the **resolute heart** of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit there would be no hope to **repair** and **reunite** what sin damaged and separated. The Word of God is filled with prophecies of the coming Messiah that are more than predictions. They are the paper trail of the **covenant** between God the Father and God the Son to **redeem** mankind.

With a resolute heart, God delivered a resolute **Gift**. One that provided redemption for all mankind. The believer now has a **NEW COVENANT** with God because the Father and Son fulfilled their covenant. Our covenant provides us with the same **grace** to be just as resolute as God. This Christmas let us praise God for giving us the greatest gift in all creation, **the RESOLUTE GIFT**... His only begotten Son.

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