

Who Needs Christmas?

People Need Christmas

Matthew 1:18-21 “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Unexpected _____ “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.” (V.18)

John 1:17 “For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”

1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”

Unexpected _____ “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.” (V.18)

Isaiah 9:6 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”

Luke 1:27 “...to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary.”

Unexpected _____ “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (v.21)

Luke 2:11 “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Acts 4:12 “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

The Dilemma? A Savior means little to someone who does not see a need for saving.

Perceived Needs. Everyone has needs

Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs (Abraham Maslow) (1908-1970)

1. Physiological Needs
2. Safety Needs
3. Social Needs
4. Esteem Needs
5. Self-Actualization

***What’s missing from the list? To be saved from sin.**

Much More Than Forgiveness:

We hear, “He will forgive people for their sins.” It is not simply forgiveness... it is being saved. That’s what I need.

Forgiveness _____ Sin and Freedom _____ sin!