

# **The Gift - Part Two**

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**God LOVED... He GAVE**

**John 3:16**

**Matthew's account of the Birth of Jesus**

**Matthew 1:18-25 NKJV**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child,

and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Then Joseph being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called his name JESUS.

## **RECAP - Part 1 - THE GIFT**

1. God LOVED... He GAVE (past tense)
  - a. God didn't/doesn't wait for us to Love Him first - He FIRST loved us
  - b. God Gave BEFORE we were saved - while we were yet sinners
  - c. His gift is not predicated on us getting our lives figured out first
  - d. He goes into HIS past to reach into YOUR Future
2. Reciprocal Giving is part of our Spiritual DNA
3. Spiritual Giving requires Sacrifice - It's going to cost you...
4. Sacrificial Giving of ourselves starts at the Altar

## **UNWRAPPING MULTIPLE GIFTS IN ONE**

**Have you ever received a Gift that included multiple Gifts in the same package? God Gave us a Gift that includes numerous other Gifts in the same package of His Son. Many times, these gifts are identified by the name on the package.**

## **Presence - Immanuel - God with Us**

1. Matthew 1:23 is the prophetic fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."
2. Christmas and the Holiday Season is a joyous occasion for most. Young and Old alike celebrate the Birth of Jesus, spend time with family, exchange gifts, take time off from work/school, etc
3. Every year, however someone is missing from the Church Service, Family Gathering... They are no longer present (no

longer with us)

4. Immanuel - God with Us
  - a. From Adam's sin on, God no longer came down and spent time with mankind as He did in the garden. Sin separates us from God
  - b. God spoke and operated through Priests, Kings, Prophets and Judges
  - c. If you wanted to present a sacrifice to God, you had to go through the Priest
  - d. If His people needed a word, it would come through the Prophet, Priest, King or Judge in most cases
  - e. That all changed when the star showed up over Bethlehem! Immanuel -God with Mankind once again!
  - f. Hebrews 13:5 NKJV, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you." NLT, "I will never fail you, I will never ABANDON you."
5. THE GIFT was not an angel, or a Word, or another Priest, King, or Prophet - HIS GIFT was and is: Immanuel - GOD WITH US

## **Power - Yeshua - God Saves**

1. A better word for this "Power", might be AUTHORITY
2. Matthew 1:21, states "for He will save his people from their sins."
  - a. That is the Power/Authority that was and is included in THE GIFT
  - b. Prior to the Gift, no one had the Power to save
3. Other names of THE GIFT (Jesus) signifying Power/Authority:
  - a. Christ (Messiah) - Anointed One, "Signifying His divine appointment and authority as Israel's promised King."
  - b. El-Gibbor (Mighty God) - A prophetic name from Isaiah 9:6, describing the Messiah as a MIGHTY WARRIOR who will Rule with Authority/Power
4. When we open this GIFT and tap into the POWER, we have access to the Authority
  - a. John 14:13-14 AMP, "And I will do whatever you ask in MY name (as My representative), this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified and celebrated in the Son, If you as Me anything in My name (as My Representative, I will do it.)"
  - b. Acts 3:16 NLT, "Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man

was healed..."

c. John 14:12 NLT, "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works..."

5. We access the Power/Authority by Faith when we Open THE GIFT and "plug in" through "Belief"

a. John 3:16 NKJV, "For God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever BELIEVES in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

## **Promise - The WORD (Logos)**

1. The WORD becomes flesh

a. John 1:1-2 NKJV, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God."

b. John 1:14 NKJV, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

2. The GIFT ushered in a New Testament - God's Promises

a. Testament is one's Promises to another

b. This is a Legal Term

c. God's Promises throughout His Word are legal and binding to those who are beneficiaries (Those who have opened and accepted THE GIFT)

d. II Corinthians 1:20

e. II Peter 1:4

f. Hebrews 10:23