

“Socks and Underwear”

Jesus the Gift We Really Need

I. The Best GIFT Ever

Matthew 1: 18 – 24

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Qualities of a Great GIFT

- 1. Time and thought went into the GIFT.**
- 2. The GIFT has a personal touch.**
- 3. The GIFT enhances the relationship.**
- 4. The GIFT requires sacrifice.**
- 5. The name of the GIFT is significant.**

The Best GIFT Ever

- 1. Time and thought went into God’s GIFT.**

I Peter 1: 18-21

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

- 2. God’s GIFT has a personal touch.**

Isaiah 7: 14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you^[a] a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

- 3. God’s GIFT enhances our relationship.**

John 14: 6, 7

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.⁷ If you really know me, you will know^[a] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

- 4. God’s GIFT was the ultimate sacrifice.**

I John 4: 9-10

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

- 5. The name of God’s GIFT is powerful.**

Matthew 1: 21

...She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”