

# God's Christmas Gifts

Purity

Matthew 1:18-21 (NASB)



# Outline

## I. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 1:21 (NASB) <sup>21</sup> "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

### A. Jesus is Without Sin

1 John 3:5 (NASB) <sup>5</sup> You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.

### B. Jesus is the One and Only Savior

Acts 4:12 (NASB). <sup>12</sup> "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."



## Outline (continued)

### II. We are \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 1:21 (NASB) <sup>21</sup> "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

#### A. All Have Sinned

Romans 3:23 (NASB) <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

#### B. We Have a Sin Problem / Permeated with Sin / Filled with Sin

Mark 7:20-23 (NASB) <sup>20</sup> And He was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. <sup>21</sup> "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, <sup>22</sup> deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. <sup>23</sup> "All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."



## Outline (continued)

### C. We Are Born with Sin

Romans 5:12 (NASB) <sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

### D. We Have A Sin Nature

Colossians 3:5-9 (NLT2) <sup>5</sup> So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. <sup>6</sup> Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. <sup>8</sup> But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. <sup>9</sup> Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.



## Outline (continued)

### III. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Us from Our \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 1:21 (NASB) <sup>21</sup> "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

#### A. No one too sinful to be saved

1 Timothy 1:15-16 (NASB) <sup>15</sup> It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. <sup>16</sup> Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.



## Outline (continued)

### B. Jesus Dealt with Our Sin Nature on the Cross

Romans 6:3-14 (NLT2) <sup>3</sup> Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? <sup>4</sup> For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. <sup>5</sup> Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. <sup>7</sup> For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. <sup>8</sup> And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. <sup>10</sup> When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. <sup>11</sup> So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. <sup>14</sup> Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.



## Outline (continued)

### C. Jesus Gives Us A New Nature...His!

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT2) <sup>3</sup> By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup> And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.



## Outline (continued)

### D. Main Result: Christlikeness

Romans 8:28-29 (NLT2) 28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. 29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

See also Ephesians 4:21-24 (NLT2) 21 Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, 22 throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. 23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Colossians 3:10-11 (NLT2) 10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. 11 In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.





## Outline (continued)

E. Now we understand why Jesus said... God's Christmas Gift to Us...Purity

Matthew 5:8 (NASB) <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.



Message slides:

# Purity



Matthew 1:18-21 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18 (NASB)



19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.

Matthew 1:19 (NASB)



20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:20 (NASB)



# I. Jesus Is Sinless



21 "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21 (NASB)



# I. Jesus Is Sinless

**1 John 3:5 (NASB) <sup>5</sup>** You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.

**Acts 4:12 (NLT2) <sup>12</sup>** There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."





I. Jesus Is Sinless

II. We Are Sinful



21 "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21 (NASB)



I. Jesus Is Sinless

II. We Are Sinful

**Romans 3:23 (NASB)**

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short  
of the glory of God,



I. Jesus Is Sinless

II. We Are Sinful

III. Jesus Saves Us From Our Sins



## Romans 6:6-7 (NLT2)

<sup>6</sup> We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.

<sup>7</sup> For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.



## 2 Peter 1:3 (NLT2)

<sup>3</sup> By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.



## 2 Peter 1:4 (NLT2)

<sup>4</sup> And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.



## Romans 8:28-29 (NLT2)

28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.





# God's Christmas Gift

## PURITY

**Matthew 5:8 (NASB)** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.



## Questions

1. What do you know about your parents' courtship?
2. Do you know how your parents picked your name?  
What does your name mean?
3. How would you feel in Joseph's place in Mt 1:19? In Mt 1:20-21?  
What would you say to family and friends? To God?
4. What reason does Matthew give as to why Jesus was born (Mt 1:21)?  
What was God thinking when He sent Jesus to earth?  
What was God trying to do in us by sending Jesus?
5. Why did Jesus have to be the Savior?  
What did His sinlessness do with Him being able to be our Savior?



## Questions (continued)

6. Do you believe that we are born good or bad?  
Please explain your answer.
7. What is the sin nature in all of us?
8. According to Romans 6:3-14, what did God through Jesus' death on the cross do with our sin nature? What does it mean that the power of the sin nature has been rendered powerless (Romans 6:6-7)?
9. What does receiving the nature of God in us from 2 Peter 1:3-4 mean? What is the battle that goes on inside of us between the two natures?



## Questions (continued)

10. Respond to this story:

An old Cherokee told his grandson, "My son, there is a battle between two wolves inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies and ego. The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy, & truth."

The boy thought about it, and asked, "Grandfather, which wolf wins?"

The old man quietly replied, "The one you feed."

- author unknown



## Questions (continued)

11. How have you experienced Jesus as saving you from sins in your life lately?
12. Just how holy or pure can we be according to Romans 6:3-14 and 2 Peter 1:3-4?

