

THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Part 1: WHY HIM?

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“But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.”

Galatians 4:4-5 (NIV)

THE CHRISTMAS SITUATION:

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. 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. 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. 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.” ... When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)

THE _____ FOR THE _____ IS
_____.

THE CHRISTMAS SOLUTION:

TO _____ US HIS PERFECT _____.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...” John 3:16 (NIV)

- I NEVER REALLY KNOW I'M _____ UNTIL SOMEONE
ENTERS MY _____.
- DO I _____ HOW MUCH I _____
TO
_____?

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

John 15:13 (NIV)

TO _____ THE PERFECT _____.

“For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God... For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.” Hebrews 2:17, 4:15 (NIV)

- I’ LL NEVER _____ BETTER THAN MY _____.

“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.” Matthew 4:23 (NIV)

- _____ AM I _____ ?

TO _____ THE PERFECT _____.

“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might... make atonement for the sins of the people.” Hebrews 2:14-16 (NIV)

“For the wages of sin is death...” Romans 6:23 (NIV)

“He is... just” 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

“It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.” Hebrews 10:4 (NIV)

- THE REASON FOR THE SEASON IS _____ CAN BE _____.

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- I will discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
- I will encourage our newly baptized GNG Family by writing a card or note of encouragement.
- I will prayerfully consider participating in the Christmas Challenge.
- pick-up a brochure at the Welcome Center
- I will prayerfully consider participating in the Christmas Eve offering.