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Christmas Eve

"REDEMPTION" (A Solution)

Matthew 1:18-25

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). –Matt.1:23

The Bible is the Greatest Story Ever Told. It is a love story of Creation, man's Fall, but God's Glorious Redemption and Restoration. At the center of the Story, there is a baby upon whom everything would depend.

Immanuel (God with us): JESUS is...

1) The Ultimate Revelation of God.

"God with us" = Jesus is GOD.

<u>Col.1:15</u> Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation. NLT

<u>Col.2:9</u> For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. NLT

2) The Indispensable Reconciliation to God.

"God with us" = Jesus is God WITH us.

<u>John 3:16-17</u> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

In **JUSTICE** God passed the required sentence of death on our sin but in **MERCY** He took that punishment Himself and in **GRACE** has forgiven us and adopted us into His family lavishing us with His love forever!

3) The Abounding Consolation from God.

"God with <u>us</u>" = Jesus is US.

Whatever you are going through God has gone through it and understands and can give you what you need!

<u>Heb.4:15-16</u> This High Priest (Jesus) of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. NLT

Jesus is God's solution to our broken world of sin and suffering!

<u>John 8:12</u> Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." ESV

Matt.5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." ESV

Growing Notes:

Read Matthew 1:18-25
What does Immanuel mean?
How is Jesus the Ultimate Revelation of God?
How is Jesus the Indispensable Reconciliation to God?
How is Jesus the Abounding Consolation from God?
How is Jesus God's solution to our broken world of sin and suffering? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.

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