

God Is Faithful: Luke 2:1-7,

1. Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 7:14 - "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Immanuel: This title of Jesus refers to both His deity (God with us) and His identification and nearness to man (God with us).

- i. It shows how low God bent down to save man; accepting to be weak and frail like any human being. A royal being born in poverty who would grow up making furniture with his father experiencing hunger, sleep, exhaustion and extreme emotional strain.
- ii. It shows that we can go to Him; "Then, if Jesus Christ be 'God with us,' let us go to God without any question or hesitation."

"John Wesley died with that upon his tongue, and let us live with it upon our hearts. - 'The best of all is God with us.'" (Spurgeon)

Mathew 1:21 – And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." JESUS is Joshua, the salvation of God.

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator; If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist; If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist; If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer; But our greatest need was salvation, so God sent us a Savior.

Isaiah 9:6-7 - For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace, There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice, From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

And the government will be upon His shoulder: The Messiah came to rule and reign, not only is He enthroned in heaven, He reigns in our hearts.

The Messiah is **Wonderful:** The glory of who He is and what He does is always wonderful, amazing.

The Messiah is our **Counselor:** Jesus is the One fit to guide our lives, and we should always run to Him for advice, and He often speaks through fellow believers.

*The Messiah is **Mighty God**: None can match His might and power exhibited through creation, miracles and wonders we see around the world.*

*The Messiah is the **Everlasting Father**: The idea in these Hebrew words is that Jesus is the source or author of all eternity, that He is the Creator Himself.*

*The Messiah is the **Prince of Peace**: He is the One who makes peace, especially between God and man. May He fill us with His peace this Christmas.*

2. God is Faithful.

***Mathew 1:22-23** - So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,"fn which is translated, "God with us."*

***Luke 2:11** - For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

The coming of the Savior is is an expression of God's faithfulness.

Deuteronomy 7:9 - "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

1 Corinthians 1:9 - God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Corinthians 1:20 - For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

May this Christmas bring vivid memories of the coming and the staying of our Savior, Jesus Christ; may we remember God's faithfulness. May He be the CENTRE of all celebration, the ONE gift that everyone can enjoy forever, the BREAD in all feasts, the REASON for all family gatherings and the MEDITATION of holiday makers.