

DID I TELL YOU ABOUT MY SON?

ANOTHER GREAT GIFT AT THE END

1. Introduction

In 1948 Princess Elizabeth daughter of George VI of England was surrounded by the best doctors and nurses in all England as she went into labor. After laboring for 30 hours Prince Charles was born **Princess Elizabeth "was safely delivered of a prince"**.

2. **2700 years ago God gave Isaiah the following birth announcement—700 years before Jesus Christ our Savior was born.**

LET'S NOTICE THERE'S A WARMTH AND A TENDERNESS IN THIS POWERFUL GRACE AND MERCY OF GOD HIMSELF.

THIS CHILD IS FOR EVERYONE—THIS IS OUR SAVIOR

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. KJV

It's as if God is saying: DID I TELL YOU ABOUT MY SON? THIS CHILD IS FOR EVERYONE—THIS IS OUR SAVIOR

3. **Preceding Context:** This book is the most quoted book in the New Testament on 85 occasions. **Isaiah 3:1-3**

If you read the book of Isaiah and consider the background you will notice that it is a book revealing God's **judgement on Israel** because they (6:10) and refused to listen to God's warnings of looming disaster. God warned that the sin of the people of Judah would bring God's judgment. **God's judgment on sin is rooted in His perfect righteousness.** His judgment reveals his wisdom and the true justice that we long for. His judgment and his wrath are not the spontaneous outburst of an impatient being or an expression of petty vindictiveness. It's not an overreaction to minor transgressions. God's wrath and his judgment express his perfect holiness. It's **God's vigorous opposition to sin not covered by the sacrifice of atonement.**

Mercy supersedes judgment James 2:13

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The people of the book have always expected a deliverer, a Messiah and God inspired Isaiah to announce his birth.

The people of the book the Jewish nation, still God's treasure, are still expecting the Messiah.

God gave the prophets a vision and sometimes the experience of Jesus suffering Isaiah 53

In Is. 9:6-7 God is brimming over with excitement as he announces the ultimate Deliverer, the Messiah himself.

Now if you include Is. 7:14 and 42:1 you'll see something piercing through the book. In the middle of God using Isaiah to warn Israel, God is so filled with excitement that He appears to overlook the totally undeserving nation and tells us with eager anticipation about the birth of His Son.

Why all the excitement? God is the God of Love (1 John 4:8) and for eternity the Trinity has lived in a state of love. But love is both a noun and a verb—it's the state of his existence—Father loves Son, Son loves Father and the Holy Spirit loves the Father and Son. When God created humans He had a simple and profound plan to love us into eternity with Him. His love is so intense He is prepared to sacrifice Himself for us. It's like he lives out His own commandment to us: He loves us with all his heart, soul, mind and strength. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.

How does he do this?

Well it goes something like this—this is the Gospel in 6 words:

God Created Man sinned Jesus Saves

After the First Adam sinned together with his wife Eve God waited for the right time to consummate his plan to save them. He had to wait until the right time but He was brimming over with elation as Father, Son and Holy Spirit about how He was going to do this. 1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

So at the right time Rom.5:6 Jesus was born preparing himself as the Second Adam to be the perfect sacrifice to pay the penalty for our sins. Jesus was born without the corruption of the sin nature, but tempted vigorously and vigorously in every way but never sinning. He was the perfect sacrifice refusing to give in to self or carnal nature **Hebrews 4:15, NIV:** "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." Fully human as we know in the Garden of Gethsemane he knew he was going to be tested to the ultimate extreme to the point where most every other criminal who died in torture on the cross would blaspheme. Instead of blaspheming he said "Forgive them for they know not what they do". We are ransomed by His blood Revelation 2:9.

Jesus is our kinsman redeemer: The kinsman-redeemer is a male relative who, according to various laws of the Pentateuch, had the privilege or responsibility to act on behalf of a relative who was in trouble, danger, or need. The Hebrew term (go el) for kinsman-redeemer designates one who delivers or rescues (Genesis 48:16; Exodus 6:6) or redeems property or person (Leviticus 27:9–25, 25:47–55).

In the New Testament, Christ is often regarded as an example of a kinsman-redeemer because, **he is our fully human fully God brother** (Hebrews 2:11 he is not ashamed to call us brothers), He also redeems us because of our great need, one that only He can satisfy. In the same way as in the book of Ruth, the Lord Jesus Christ bought us for Himself, out of the curse, out of our destitution; made us His own beloved bride; and blessed us for all generations. He is the true kinsman-redeemer of all who call on Him in faith.

Matthew 20:28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN

John 1:14, NIV: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." ...

Jesus is Immanuel GOD WITH US. That's why Isaiah 9 says UNTO US.

Matthew 11:28-29 NIV

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

As Michael McNally explained a couple of weeks ago on the subject of Mary's receiving the news of Jesus' future, Jesus is STILL FULLY HUMAN AND FULLY GOD. As Pastor Mel explained last week Jesus came to enable to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

4. The Love of the Father

Jesus is the full representation and likeness of God sent to show the love, beauty and majesty of the Father.

Jesus served the Father in perfect loving obedience not uttering a single word outside of the will of the Father

The love of the Father is so intense and so enthusiastic that he announced the birth of his Son in many other places:

Gen.3:15 said to the serpent, 4 Enoch

Gen.22:8 and Galatians 3:16 Abraham is ready to offer his own son.

God is ready to offer HIS SON FOR YOU AND ME.

5. closer look at Isaiah 9 Here God is announcing Jesus' wonderful resume long before he was born. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counsellor, Jesus will be a supernatural source of extraordinary wisdom to those who look to him for guidance for the brokenhearted.

I Cor. 1:30 he is the wisdom from God

Luke 2:40 As a child he was filled with wisdom

Matt.13:54 astonished at his teaching

Psalms 139 Oh Lord you have searched me and known me.... such knowledge is too wonderful...

The mighty God

Born as a tiny baby did not appear to be the mighty God

"My grace is sufficient for you, my power is made perfect in weakness" 2 Corinthians 12:9.

Jesus is divinely strong and powerful a comfort to the weak.

Colossians 1:16 over all thrones. Mighty is our God Ruler of Everything. The Lord strong and mighty.

The everlasting Father, indicates Jesus will care for his people forever as a father cares for his children—amazing news for the orphan, the lonely and unappreciated.

Father to the fatherless Ps.82:3

The Prince of Peace—Jesus will bring deep well-being and right relationships with Himself

Romans 5:1 since we have been justified by faith we have peace with Godand all who lack peace with each other. Why prince? not demeaning. Most high and mighty Prince. "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me" Matthew 28

Spiritual harmony brought about by his death which gives us individual restoration with God

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, in Luke 17:21 the Kingdom is among you

**On the throne of his father David
and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from
henceforth even for ever**
Zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this—HE WILL GET THIS DONE.

6. The **Covenant Faithfulness of God—he promised a deliverer and gave us his only Son.**
Romans 5:8 while we were yet sinners Christ died for you.

7. Time of His Birth:

Think about this The Royal Son is born after his mother has had a rough ride from north of Judah a four day or 90-mile journey. It appears unplanned but God planned it that way. His Royal Son was to be born in the humble surroundings of a stable surrounded by the humans and animals he had made.

Yet God was so proud that he had a multitude of angels sing after he was born and the shepherds were told **Luke 2**

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

¹¹ For **unto you** is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

What a contrast. Prince Charles was born in a palace with every comfort. Our Savior was born in humble surroundings to a life of suffering for us.

Jesus Christ is *Immanuel*, God with us. He is the very representation and likeness of God, sent to show us the beauty and majesty of the King. Jesus Christ didn't make His debut in Bethlehem. He existed before creation. In fact, "Through Him all things were made" (John 1:3).

At the culmination of God's overwhelming loving plan, expressed in the Gospel:

God Created → Man Sinned → Jesus Saves

Mankind will be restored to the Garden of Eden to live for eternity in the pleasure of worshipping HIM only.

8. Conclusion:

Have you accepted Jesus as your Savior?—notice that the angel says to the shepherds and to each of us individually **UNTO YOU. THE GREATEST GIFT ANYONE CAN GIVE IS JESUS OUR SAVIOR**
If you have not opened the Gift of God's Son for your redemption, He can hardly wait for you to open His Gift.

AND ON TOP OF THIS And the greatest gift to us will be The Father himself who will come to live with us forever Revelation 21:3, NIV: "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.'" God the Father will live among us.