

WAY MORE THAN A BABY

The Intentional Gift – Part 2

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Matthew 2:11 (NLT) *“They entered the house where the Child and His mother, Mary, were, and they **fell down before Him and worshiped Him**. Then **they opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**”*

Exodus 30:37-38 (NLT) *“**Never make this incense for yourselves. It is reserved for the LORD, and you must treat it as holy.**”³⁸ Those who make it for their own enjoyment will be cut off from the community.”*

Psalms 141:2 (NLT) *“**Accept my prayer as incense offered to You, and my upraised hands as an evening offering.**”*

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV) *“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: **The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son, and will call Him Immanuel.**”*

Matthew 1:18 (NIV) *“This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: **His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.**”*

Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV) *“**All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:**”²³ *“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son, and **they will call Him Immanuel**”—which means, ‘**God with us.**’”**

IMPLICATIONS OF GOD’S “IMMANUEL” GIFT

1. God’s Gift Is _____

Philippians 2:6-7 (CEV) *“Christ was truly God. But He did not try to remain equal with God.”⁷ **Instead He gave up everything... when He became like one of us.**”*

2. God’s Gift Is _____

John 3:16 (NIV) *“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that **whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.**”*

John 3:17 (NIV) *“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, **but to save the world through Him.**”*

3. God’s Gift Is _____

John 14:16-17 (NIV) *“And I will ask the Father, and **He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--** ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. **But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.**”*

4. God’s Gift Is _____

Hebrews 2:18 (NLT) *“Because **He Himself suffered** when He was tempted, **He is able to help those who are being tempted.**”*

Romans 8:37 (NIV) *“No, **in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.**”*

Immanuel is with you no matter what pressure you’re facing. He’s there to help, strengthen, and uphold you.

Matthew 28:20b (NRSV) *“And remember, **I am with you always, to the end of the age.**”*

John 16:5-7 (NLT) *“I am going away to the One who sent Me, and... ⁶ you are very sad. ⁷ **But it is actually best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Counselor [the Holy Spirit] won’t come. If I do go away, He will come because I will send Him to you.**”*

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV) *“Don’t you know that **you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?**”*

Isaiah 12:6 (NLT) *“Let all the people of Jerusalem shout His praise with joy! For great is the Holy One of Israel **who lives among you.**”*