

Saved!

Hymns from "Favorite Hymns of Grace." Scriptures from the New King James Version.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Hymns of Worship

When We All Get to Heaven p. 16

Revive Us Again p. 17

At Calvary p. 18

Devotional Summary: "Saved"

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Matthew 1:18-23

Though we usually associate this passage of scripture with the Christmas season, it bears a very important message for us all year round.

There is something very important about "names" in this scripture. The angel tells Joseph to give the name of "Jesus" to the little babe in Mary's womb. This Greek name is "Joshua" in the Hebrew language and it could be translated "God is salvation." Note that the angel says, "for He will save His people from their sins." But that is not the only name this passage gives for our loving Lord. For, then the writer of the Gospel includes the insightful fact that this all happened as the prophet Isaiah had spoken hundreds of years before (Isaiah 7:14). The Old Testament prophet recorded that the virgin-born Son would be called Immanuel, and we are told that this name is translated, "God with us."

Jesus - Immanuel

So, in these two names given Him, we have a vivid picture painted for us to describe the essential nature of the ministry of this virgin-born child of God: The Lord God, ***is with us*** and ***He is salvation!*** Salvation is not just a nice theological concept, it is not just a mystical notion to hang our brighter, hopeful moments on. We will use the following scenario to illustrate what we see in this wonderful passage of Holy Scripture:

There you are, gasping and thrashing about, lost in the abysmal sea of self and sin -

hopeless. In the darkness your eyes strain to make out the name of the luxury liner slowly coasting to a stop before you: "The Gospel Ship of Jesus Christ."

You cry out, scream out, "Jesus! Help, Jesus! Save me, I am drowning, I am lost!"

He comes to the railing, in glistening robe, with gentle, loving face. He throws no life-ring to clutch at. He offers no buoy for your weak arms to clasp. He does not yell out instructions on how to swim or which way to go. Instead, Jesus throws off His kingly robe, stands up on the railing and plunges into your hopelessness, your sin, your pride, your desperate circumstances, and your rebellion. No, He does not just throw you an idea or a checklist of do's and don'ts or a wish or a book to spur you on and tell you to hang on for dear life...NO!...He jumps into your life with you, right into your very being, and He holds you up. He is the eternally tireless "life-guard" who has never lost a single soul that truly cries out to Him. He will never leave you! He will never let you go!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

This is the Good News! The Grace of God has jumped into our life! Into our very being! By the grace of God, we believe it. ***Jesus Immanuel is our Savior, indeed. And He is WITH us, indeed!***

Closing Hymn

A Mighty Fortress p. 19

Prayer Requests and Corporate Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

© Copyright, 2017, Christian Concourse Ministries, Inc., Norfolk, VA. All rights reserved.

Unaltered copies permitted for non-commercial use in long-term care ministry.

Web: www.christianconcourse.org

Email: chco@christianconcourse.org

Phone: 757-714-3133