

# THE CHRISTMAS SERIES *of* 2021

THE WONDER, CELEBRATION, ADORATION AND GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS MESSIAH.

**Christmas According to 1 Timothy 3:16**

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## **“WONDER” - PART 4**

THE CELEBRATION, ADORATION AND WONDER OF THE ADVENT OF THE COMING  
OF THE SON OF GOD - JESUS CHRIST GOD'S LITERAL GIFT TO MAN.

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**1 Timothy 3:16**

**And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was Manifested in the flesh,  
Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles,  
Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.**

**Noah Webster's 1828**

**Wonder** / the emotion which is excited by novelty, or the presentation to the sight or mind, something new, unusual, strange, great, extraordinary, that which is not well understood; that which arrests the attention. Which generates a sense of granger or astonishment. **“They were filled with wonder and amazement.” Acts 3:10.**

**1.) The Wonder of His Word**

**2.) The Wonder of His Power**

**3.) The Wonder of His Grace**

## THE WONDER OF

**4.) The Wonder of His Salvation**

**5.) The Wonder of His Love**

**6.) The Wonder of His Sacrifice**

## THE WONDER OF

**7.) The Wonder of His Surrender**

**John 6:38-39**

**For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.  
39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing.**

**John 12:49**

**For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.**

**Jesus Christ Surrendering to;**

**To Salvations Plan / To The Human Experience / To Obedience**

**When Jesus surrendered to His Father's will;  
at that moment - - a new beginning began**

**Jesus said "It is finished" in full surrender**

**John 17:4**

**I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.**

**John 19:30**

**So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.**

**It's because He surrendered to the joy of obedience, that he gave you and I a pattern for us to discover joy, and that joy is our surrendering to obedience**

**John 10:28**

**I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;  
neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.**

## **to what extent can a gift be given?**

“Someone might say that ‘what I have is a gift that has been given to me. It has not been given to anyone else but me’. You can say that it was ‘marked with your name on it’ and that may be true. And no doubt it was a gift given to you. You have been gifted the ownership of that gift from the gift-giver. The gift-giver has granted you the opportunity, the pleasure, the responsibility to possess a gift.

## **to what extent can a gift be owned?**

**honestly – can there be absolute possession apart from the gift-giver?**

Are you not constantly mindful that when you look at that watch, when you put on that jacket or pick up that pen that it was a gift given to you by someone who paid the price.

**If you were to buy a gift for yourself it is actually an act of delusion.**

You cannot gift yourself a gift. A gift must be given, and that action presupposes that there is a gift-giver and a gift-receiver. If you buy yourself a gift and you wrap it and you put a big red bow on it and you put a tag on it with your name, and then place it under the Christmas tree to be unwrapped by you on Christmas morning - - for you to act surprised or to be appreciative of the gift would be an act of “craziness”

## **True Surrender is Yielding to Everything God has for You.**

According to the deep things of God, Jesus Christ came into this world according to God’s divine agreement with himself, that the salvation of the world would come through the surrendered Will of the perfect man,  
Christ Jesus.

The incarnation of Jesus Christ personified all that Adam was to be. In His humanity He listened to the Father’s will and delighted to do it. Everything about the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ is the ultimate reality captured on the pages of the Gospels.

The fact that God formed Adam out of the elements  
of the earth is evident.

**Genesis 1:1**

**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

But then in a moments time what was lifeless meaningless and without purpose, God breathed into Adam the breath of life. God himself animated Clay. And with that act the first life was born.

**Genesis 2:7a**

**And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground,**

**Formed** heb: yatsar  
to devise, fashion, create, {a planned concept or design}  
earthenware or pottery. yatsar eliminates the option of accidental or evolutionary beginnings

**Genesis 2:7b**

**And the LORD God.... and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;  
and man became a living being.**

**Being** heb: nephesh (*difficulty in translation but not for a lack of meaning*)  
a soul, a self, a person, a mind, a consciousness, individual personality.

**John 20:21-22**

**So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22  
And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.**

## **THE WONDER OF**

### **8.) The Wonder of His Inheritance**

If there is one word that sums up "**Heaven**" that word would be **Inheritance!**  
Heaven is what God wants you to **Inherit** for Christmas.

If you think about it – Jesus Christ came to this world,  
to Bethlehem to leave behind us an Inheritance.

The Doctrines, Teachings of the Old and New Testaments are both predicated upon one underlying act – it is the act of death.

## **Death is what Activates a Will.**

The will or trust benefits no one until its author dies.

### **Hebrews 9:16-17 NLT**

Now when someone leaves a will, it is necessary to prove that the person who made it is dead. 17 The will can only go into effect after the person's death. While the person who made it is still alive, the will cannot be put into effect.

## **The Doctrine of Inheritance is as old as the Scriptures themselves.**

Our first introduction to inheritance is found in Genesis when God bestows upon man a garden to enjoy

## **An Unusual "Inheritance" The Magi Gifted**

### **The Gold // The Frank Incense // The Myrrh**

Traditionally spoken of as the gifts given to kings is not the point. Each of these three gifts speak of the ministry of the Messiah and each of these three gifts were currency standards of the world in those days.

You could've taken gold, frankincense or myrrh and exchange those for any currency in any country, town, or village of the known world at that time. They had universal value.

### **2 Corinthians 8:9**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

Jack how can any of this be true? It sounds too good to be true!  
**Correct. This is God's Riches At Christs Expense**

### **Ephesians 2:4-8**

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

**Colossians 3:24**

**knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.**

**Hebrews 9:15**

**And for this reason, He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.**

## **His Inheritance is Imperishable.**

**1 Corinthians 9:25**

**And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.**

**1 Peter 1:23**

**Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,**

## **His Inheritance is Unfading.**

Meaning **-Our inheritance in Christ is vivid.** What we have in Jesus is an enduring possession that cannot diminish.

**1 Peter 1:4a**

**An inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away,**

**Revelation 21:5a**

**Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."**

**"John Look, I will fashion all things fresh"**

(Scholars debate if the physical creation will someday be vaporized and He creates a new heaven and a new earth -or – does He restore, resurrect, redeem, renew, refresh what is like He did in Noah's day.....?)

## **His Inheritance is Reserved.**

Meaning **reserved.** What we have in Christ is being, in the present tense - kept" in heaven for us. kept

**Ephesians 1:13b**

**In whom also, having believed, you were sealed  
with the Holy Spirit of promise,**

**1 Peter 1:4b**

**An inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven  
for you,**

## **His Inheritance is Worthy.**

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

**Therefore, we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward  
man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is  
working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at  
the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are  
seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen  
are eternal.**

## **THE WONDER OF**

### **9.) The Wonder of His Life**

**John 8:2**

**Now early in the morning Jesus came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him;  
and He sat down and taught them.**

from vs. 3 to 11 is the woman caught in the act

**John 8:12**

**Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me  
shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."**

**Luke 1:46-47**

**And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit  
has rejoiced in God my Savior.**

**John 3:14b-21a**

**even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 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. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light.”**

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*End of Study*

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