

## **Christmas Is About Presence**

With His coming, Jesus gives us presents that will help us avoid heartaches and problems that make life unbearable and eternity with Him impossible.

Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given: and the government shall be on His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Christmas is all about presence! Not material presents, but the presence of Jesus in our lives. Immanuel means God with us. Jesus wants to be with us. He wants us to be in His presence.

### **Jesus The Wonderful Counselor Gives The Gift of Guidance**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor. Isaiah 9:6

A counselor is someone who offers guidance. A good guide offers direction, clarity and confidence during the trip. As the Wonderful Counselor Jesus gives us guidance, we only need to follow it. When Jesus is our Counselor and guide, we will never be lost on our trip here on this earth, nor will we be lost in eternity.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have One who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16

### **Jesus Comes as the Doctor to Help & Heal the Sick**

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:31-32

#### **Where are you Sick?**

We are all sick. We all have some problem in some area or areas of our lives.

#### **We need to be honest with Jesus**

When we are honest with Jesus, we are honest with ourselves. Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." 17 "I have no husband," she replied. John 4:16-17 Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall. Psalms 55:22

### **We need to listen to Jesus' advice**

A voice came from the cloud: This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him! Mark 9:7  
My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. John 10:27

### **We need to follow Jesus' instructions**

One thing you lack, He said. Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me. At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Mark 10:20-22

## **Jesus The Mighty God Gives The Gift of Strength**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God Isaiah 9:6

"Ah, Sovereign LORD, You have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You. Jeremiah 32:17

### **Jesus' Strength Works In Us**

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.  
Philippians 2:13

God's power in me, works to change me—to take me from being selfish, self-centered into someone who is Christ-like —with love, compassion, with peace, patience, gentleness, self-control, and all the fruits of the Spirit.

### **Jesus' Strength Works For Us**

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.  
2 Corinthians 12:9-10

### **Jesus' Strength Works Through Us**

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

**Jesus came to give.** He came to give us gifts of guidance and strength to help us live our lives in a way that would be pleasing to Him and helpful to others. However, the main reason He came was to give His life in order that we could have a better life with Him in eternity (forever) when this life is over.

**Let's accept the gifts of guidance and strength for a more peaceful life now, and let's accept His offer for eternal life through the gift of His life on the Cross.**