

# GETTING **CHRISTMAS** RIGHT...

**Luke 2:1-8** “And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.”

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - a. He was the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Luke 1:32)
  - b. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ God
    - i. He was manifest in \_\_\_\_\_ form (1 Timothy 3:16)

**Note:** Colossians 2:9; John 1:14

- ii. He is “\_\_\_\_\_ with us.” (Isaiah 7:14)

**Note:** The name Immanuel means “*God with us.*”

- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Forgiveness - Luke 2:9-11
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ is the gift of God

**Note:** Jesus is God’s gift

**Note:** Jesus was born to die. Swaddling clothes were burial clothes.

**Note:** Acts 8:20

- b. \_\_\_\_\_ is the key to \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 2:13, 14)

**Note:** Choice does not bring peace, but forgiveness does.

- c. Forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_ for all people.

**Quote:** If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent an economist. But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent a Saviour.

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Eternal Life (Luke 1:32; 33)

- a. Eternal life is \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus Christ

**Note:** The name "*Bethlehem*" means "*House of Bread*" and it remind us that Jesus is the Bread of life.

- b. Eternal life \_\_\_\_\_ Gift of God

**Note:** Only Jesus can give you the best gift of life!

**Note:** John 10:28