

Y.R.P. – The Greatest Gift

“Hear my cry, O God;
listen to my prayer.”

- Psalm 61:1

Video: Is God just Santa for grown ups?

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- Before we even asked, God had the plan and answer to all our prayers
- A Savior

Luke 2

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

- As Always, God is telling us don't be afraid
- The greatest gift of ALL TIME is here
- God is with us
- The answer to all our prayers from beginning to end
- Before we can even ask

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

- Just like we are excited about gifts, we should be even more excited about the greatest of gifts
- The angels even cry out Holy, Holy, Holy

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

- All man made gifts/things you have to go to the source
- Cell phone-sprint, house-electricity/gas, car-gas station/repair shop, PS4-game server
- For the things of God/Greatest Gift, must go to the source
- Christmas is all about the source/The Savior

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

- Most importantly the one in the mist of the miracle, Mary treasured all of this in her heart
- We need to keep the gift in our heart at all times
- But also tell others as the gift isn't just for us/it's for everyone!!!!!!

P2R (Point 2 Remember): And that is the wonder or all wonders, that God loves the lowly.... God is not ashamed of the lowliness of human beings. God marches right in. He chooses people as his instruments and performs his wonders where one would least expect them. God is near to lowliness; he loves the lost, neglected, the unseemly, the excluded, the weak and broken." Dietrich Bonhoeffer, God is in the Manger