

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS
MIKE DEMERS
ISAIAH 9: 1-7

I. Magic

- **John 1:41** *“He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which translated means Christ)”*.
- **John 4:25** *“The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.”*
- **John 8:12** *Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”*

II. Awe

- **Luke 1: 26 -38** *Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the ^[s]descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” And Mary said, “Behold, the bonds slave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.*
- **Luke 8: 2-20** *“In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night...The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them”.*

III. Giving

- **John 3:16** *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”*
- **Galatians 5:22** *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”*
- **Ephesians 2: 8-10** *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”*
- God gave us love

- Incredible

Philippians 2: 5-11 *“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be ^[l]grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth*

and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

- **Romans 5:8** *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”.*
- **Luke 2: 8-20** Look at how it was announced

IV. Christ

- **Matthew 27:29** *“And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”*
- **John 19: 4-5** *“Pilate came out again and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.” Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold, the Man!”*
- Christ wore this for us

Because of this, I have five crowns:

1. An Imperishable Crown 1 Cor. 9: 24 – 27 (NKJV)
2. A Crown of Rejoicing 1 Thess. 2:19 (NKJV)
3. The Crown of Righteousness 2 Tim. 4: 5-8 (NKJV)
4. The Crown of Life James 1:12 (NKJV)
5. The Crown of Glory 1 Peter 5: 2-4 (NKJV)

The real MAGIC of Christmas is not all the colored lights, the fancy and bright decorations, the Christmas trees shining, the nice songs, people’s attitudes getting better and all the Christmas gatherings. The real MAGIC of Christmas is that people walking in darkness can see a great light.

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