

My Gift of _____

Sunday December 10, 2023
Series: Gifts for Christ-mas

*“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,”
2 Peter 1:3 ESV*

My Best Gift for Christ is a _____ !

Godliness _____ God’s Working in My World

- The _____ of Christ’s Birth

*“Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.”
Matthew 1:18 ESV*

Matthew’s Genealogy

*“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”
Matthew 1:1 ESV
(Also Matthew 1:17; Matthew 1:11-12)*

*“Thus says the LORD: “Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not succeed in his days, for none of his offspring shall succeed in sitting on the throne of David and ruling again in Judah.””
Jeremiah 22:30 ESV*

Luke’s Genealogy

*“Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli,”
Luke 3:23 ESV*

(Also Luke 3:31)

Two Possible Views:

- 1. Jesus Royal Right** (Through an Uncle)
- 2. Mary’s Genealogy**

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(Also Luke 1:34-35)

Godliness _____ God’s Working Through My Crisis

*“And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.”
Matthew 1:19 ESV*

*“So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”
Matthew 23:28 ESV*

Three Observations on Godliness

- It is a _____

“The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” Luke 6:45 ESV

- It Requires _____

“for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” 2 Timothy 1:7 ESV

(Also Galatians 5:22-23)

- It Requires _____

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.” Matthew 7:24–25 ESV

Godliness _____ God’s Working Through Me

- Give God a _____ to Work

“But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”” Matthew 1:20–21 ESV

- Seek God’s _____

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.” James 1:5 ESV

(Also Romans 8:26)

“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).” Matthew 1:22–23 ESV

- Carry Out God’s _____

“When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,” Matthew 1:24 ESV

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