

## **SERMON**

**DATE: Saturday/Sunday, December 1-2, 2018**

**SERIES TITLE: THE TRUTHS OF CHRISTMAS**

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**SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:34-37**

[34] “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

[35] The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

[36] Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.

[37] For no word from God will ever fail.”

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*When You Have Questions:*

**1. Ask honest questions and seek honest answers.**

- Mary and Joseph had questions.
- “Questions” implies wanting to know; “doubts” implies not wanting to know.

**2. Look at God’s work in the past.**

- The best predictor of the future is the past.
- What has God done?
  - ~ Created
  - ~ Known us before birth
  - ~ Healed the sick
  - ~ Raised the dead
- *Acts 26:8* Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?

**3. Let Scripture teach you.**

- The promised Messiah
  - ~ *Isaiah 9:6-7* 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, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.  
He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.
- The virgin birth.
  - ~ *Isaiah 7:14* Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel

# Lagniappe

Christmas can be hard.

But it also can be good even when circumstances are difficult.

Life is filled with difficulties. The circumstances of life sometimes make any celebration--birthdays, holidays, etc.--difficult. I remember so well as a teenager when someone close to me was killed in a traffic accident. I couldn't get over the fact that life for most people went on. How could they be happy when we were so sad?

Those kinds of events, and the feelings associated with them, make the holidays hard.

What should you do during difficult times?

**First, worship the risen Christ.** His story is the only story of hope for all human beings. While you may not be able to laugh through the holidays, you can worship through the holidays, knowing that God sent His Son to give us hope in the midst of difficult times.

**Second, spend as much time as possible with other people.** For the most part, once you get past your teenage years, Christmas celebrations are about Christ and the people around us. Don't isolate yourself. Spend time with as many people as possible.

**Third, take advantage of Christmas celebrations, especially those celebrations that exalt Christ and remind us of His birth.**

First Baptist Church will have a Christmas Music Program on Friday, December 14, and Saturday, December 15. Our Christmas Eve worship service is a very special time as well. Worshiping Christ and spending time in the company of others will be a blessing to you and to them.

**Finally, designate yourself as the minister to other people.** As much as you may be hurting, other people are hurting as well. Look for every opportunity to minister to hurting people.

One of the things I have learned is that when you seek to bless others, you will be blessed as well, and possibly even more than you bless others.

May God bless you with a sweet time of worship and celebration.