

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS ...

## **IN NEED OF A SAVIOR**

Matthew 1:18-25

Jeff Schreve

*And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21*

*... for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11*

### **Why did God send a Savior?**

#### **1. You need a Savior to forgive you.**

##### **A. Sin makes you dirty before God.**

*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Psalm 51:2*

*"Although you wash yourself with lye and use much soap, the stain of your iniquity is before Me," declares the LORD God. Jeremiah 2:22*

##### **B. Jesus came to wash you clean.**

*And He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven." And those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this man who even forgives sins?" Luke 7:48-49*

*What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy. Acts 10:15*

#### **2. You need a Savior to free you.**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord. Luke 4:18-19*

A. Sin keeps you enslaved.

*I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, whoever commits and practices sin is the slave of sin. John 8:34 AMP*

*For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Romans 7:19, 24-25*

B. Jesus came to break the chains.

*If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed. John 8:36*

**3. You need a Savior to be with you.**

*“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.” Matthew 1:23*

A. Sin keeps you separated from God.

B. Jesus came to walk with you forever.

**Will you come to Jesus today?**