

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Gift of Christ!

Galatians 4:4-5, "But when the fullness of time had come, **God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.**"

How was He sent?

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Luke 2:19, 26-27 "I am **Gabriel**, who stands in the presence of God, and was **sent to speak to you** and bring you these glad tidings."

"In the sixth month, **the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.**"

Jesus was not sent like that

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Gabriel is **a created being** – not created in the image and likeness of God

Jesus IS the uncreated Creator!

John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. He was in the beginning with God. **All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.**"

Jesus IS God... Who sent Gabriel to announce Himself

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Philippians 2:5-7, "Let this mind be in you **which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of**

God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but **made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.**"

Jesus chose to come... He sent Himself

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Vs. 8, "And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.**"

Though God Himself, **as a man...**

- He chose to "**become**" obedient, even "**to the point of death.**"
- (**Daniel 3:16-18**)

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- Not only **for us, but to us**
- **The same as to Joseph & Mary**
- Will you allow Me to give **the life of My Son through you?**
- The gift of **who He is, to who we are**

We can't give what we don't have...

- **And Christ has given Himself to us**

John 20:21, "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.'"

Matthew 10:8, "Freely you have received; freely give."

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True giving costs!

- But to the true giver it doesn't feel like a loss...
- It feels like **their benefit**

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Love **loves paying the cost** for the other person's benefit

- The **most valuable gift** we can give anyone is ourselves

Will we **give ourselves away enough...**

- To give **The ONE** who gave Himself **for us**, and **TO us**?