

Good News & Great Joy!
Christmas Doesn't Come Easy

Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Who's Your One? (praying, seeking, sharing, inviting)

Please stay for the **Thanks Meal!**

Good news and bad or hard news fills the Bible...

There are no random or unimportant people in the plans of God!

I. The good and perfect _____ of God involve great _____ for His _____ ones (Matt. 1:18).

Time to take the next steps of obedience and faith...

The unthinkable, unacceptable, and unbelievable!

"Every great and amazing accomplishment began with a problem."

*What is your test of character?

II. The good and perfect _____ of God serve to _____ and _____ the character of His _____ ones (Matt. 1:19-21).

Just = "dikaios" (Greek) - righteous, upright, fair - title for the Messiah in Acts 3:14, 7:52, 22:14.

The depth of Joseph's character:

We are always in the molding and revealing process toward Romans 8:28-29.

*What is your current circumstance revealing?

*What molding is the Lord working out in you?

III. The good and perfect _____ of God include the _____ of the _____ and _____ use of His _____ ones (Matt. 1:22-25).

"All this took place to...":

*"For the joy that was set before him (Jesus):
endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."*

- Heb. 12:2b

In the midst of great difficulty, God's word confirmed for Joseph:

- that which is true
- what he should do
- how he should live

*How is God instructing you in your circumstance through His word?

Next Steps:

1. If this is your first worship experience at HHBC, let us know and tell us how we can pray for you or answer any questions. Send us a message on Facebook or e-mail at info@hhbc.org.
2. How much do you know about the Gospel? Do you have questions about Christianity or your own spiritual condition? If so, please e-mail or call Pastor Gene this week (cell: 864.616.5899 or gene@hhbc.org).
3. Join us Thursday at 7:00 AM for **Rush Hour Prayer!**