

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time (kairos) we will reap if we do not grow weary. ¹⁰So then, while we have opportunity(kairos), let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.
Galatians 6:7-10 (NAS)

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,¹⁶making the most of your time (kairos), because the days are evil. ¹⁷So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:15-17 (NAS)

Taking It Home:

Be _____

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”, ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” ³⁹When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth.
Luke 2:21-24; 39 (NIV)

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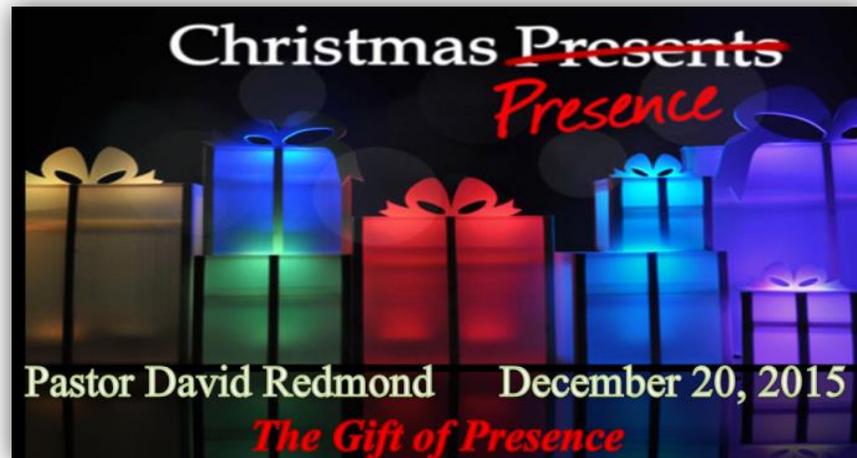
But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.
Luke 2:19 (NIV)

...But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. Luke 2:51b (NIV)

Expect to be _____ by _____.

And His father and mother were amazed
at the things which were being said about Him. Luke 2:33 (NAS)

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Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!
I Corinthians 9:15 (NAS)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. ²⁰ But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”²² Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ “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.” ²⁴ And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, ²⁵ but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.
Matthew 1:18-25 (NAS)

Christmas is all about God's _____.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14 (NIV)

You will make known to me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy; Psalm 16:11 (NAS)

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:14 (NIV)

And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest."
Exodus 33:14 (NAS)

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:26-38 (NAS)



Experiencing God's presence requires

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And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, ²⁵ but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus. Matthew 1:24-25 (NAS)

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Luke 1:34, 35, 37 (NAS)



Experiencing God's presence requires

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While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. Luke 2:6-7 (NIV)

Two primary words used to describe time in the New Testament:

Chronos = _____;
the passage of time; a sequence of events

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time (chronos) the star had appeared. Matthew 2:7 (NIV)

But when the set time (chronos) had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law. Galatians 4:4 (NIV)

Chronos is quantitative – Time _____.

Kairos = A _____ moment; an appointed time, a unique opportunity, season, occasion

You see, at just the right time (kairos), when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Romans 5:6 (NIV)

"The time (kairos) has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15 (NIV)

Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times (kairos) of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19 (NAS)

Kairos is qualitative - Time _____.