

A Cradle, a Cross, and a Crown

Isa 9:6

I) **Delivery**

“Unto us a Child is Born”

Phil 2:7

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

A. Seed that's Planted

Luke 1:34-35

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee**, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

John 1:1

1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God**.

Luke 8:11

11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God**.

B. Savior that's Produced

Luke 1:35

therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

2 Cor 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

II) **Discipleship**

“Unto us a Son is Given”

Phil 2:8

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

A. Surrender of our Service

Luke 22:42

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

B. Shaping of our Suffering

Heb 2:10

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, **to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings**.

C. Support of our Savior

Gal 2:20

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me

III) **Destiny**

“Government shall be upon His Shoulder”

Phil 2:9-10

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

A. Determined by my Activity

Turn to Luke 19:11-26

2 Tim 2:11-12

11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

12 **If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:** if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Rev 5:9-10

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 **And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

2 Tim 4:6-8

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 **Henceforth** there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Rev 20:6

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Life Group Questions

1. Can you say with confidence that you are “fully” surrendered to the will of God in your life?
2. Being a disciple means carrying a cross fulfilling Gods purpose for your life here on earth. Can you say that you are striving to be a disciple?
3. What steps can you take to determine Gods purpose for your life?
(Prayer, gifts test, experimentation, counsel)
4. In what ways has God changed or shaped you through difficulty or suffering?
5. Name some things you have had to suffer or that you have seen in others that have been life changers?
6. Discuss the fact that what we do now determines what we will be doing during the millennial reign of Christ.