

Stores, Music, whole world is getting ready...Starting a new series this morning as we begin the Christmas countdown!  
The Promise of Christmas: Each week we are going to look at one or more of the OT prophecies...and the Promise it makes

# 1: “God Gets It!” Have you ever wondered if that is true? Ever wondered if God REALLY understands what going on? Sometimes when we are in the middle of something awful we find ourselves saying...If God really understood...how could He?  
SONG: A couple of years ago there was a song that asked that question. I’m sure you will recognize it...Listen to this

The First promise of Christmas that I want to look at with you is this: *God Gets It!* He understands...He isn’t removed...distant He Gets It...Because He WAS ONE OF US! He walked here, talked here, lived here, suffered here and died here. Still is! God is right here with us, and regardless of how it feels, He understands, He identifies...He truly knows what we are going thru He fully and completely understand the trials, tribulations, troubles, joys and celebrations we go through. He Gets It!

Look with me at an OT promise, and OT prophecy, about the coming of Christ. It is a familiar one...we hear it every Christmas  
Isaiah 9:2; 6-7 Page 489

Two parts of those verses I want you to focus on as it relates to the promise of God understanding where we are.

- Unto us a Child is Born: Speaks to the HUMANITY of Jesus: He Gets It...because he was fully man
- Unto us a Son is Given: Speaks to the DEITY of Jesus: He Gets It...because he was fully God

This is one of the most difficult theological concepts for many people to grasp. Easy to fall off one side or other...Tightrope  
Hypostatic Union

Jesus has two complete natures: one fully human and one fully divine. What the bible teaches is that these *two natures* are united in *one person* in the God-man. Jesus is not two persons. He is one person. His two natures are joined (mysterious though it be) into the one divine and human person of Jesus.

The Promise of Christmas is that God is With Us, In Fact that God is one OF us! That is what the term Immanuel means!  
And because He is One of Us...He Gets It!

Look with me at both of those two promises, and lets talk about why each one is so very important to God Getting It!

1. Unto Us A Child Is Born: This Focuses on the Humanity of Jesus! This is important because it means He understands! Jesus is not just God...though He is that. He is also fully and completely man...with all of the realities that come w being human The author of Hebrews speaks to this directly. He makes it very clear that Jesus “Gets It!”

- Heb 4:14-16 Pg 848  
~Able to Sympathize:

Lit = *to be touched with feelings of compassion and understanding*

~Tiredness: Woman @ well: He was tired and sent disciples // In Boat asleep

~Ridiculed: Little girl that was dead: Laughed @ Him

~Suffer Loss: Lazarus: Stood at the tomb and wept with compassion and grief

~Pulled diff directions: Peter’s mother in law...

~Betrayed: Judas, One of closest 12

~Family problems: Came to get him, thought he was crazy!

~Financial issues: Son of man has no place to lay head: Died w clothes on back

~Misunderstood: No one got it! Family, Friends, Religious leaders, Disciples

*Jesus...Fully human...lived a human life...with all of the issues, struggles and joys...He GETS IT!*

~Understands temptation: Lit = *Enticed to do evil...Tempted to do the wrong thing!*

~In Wilderness: Use your power to take care of yourself

Pursue God’s work...in YOUR way!

Do things on YOUR time schedule...not God’s

~At Arrest: Put up the sword Peter...I can call 10,000 angels to deliver me

~On Cross: He saved others...let him save himself...let him come down: Believe

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~Offers Mercy and Grace: Lit = *to grab onto mercy and to find grace to hold us together at just the right time!*

~Grab mercy: Like a drowning man grabs the life rig

~Find grace: Discover favor we haven’t deserved...like an unearned gift

~Help: Lit = *to hold us together when we are falling apart!*

~Time of need: Lit = *Right when we need it the most!*

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One of the titles Jesus uses for himself is “Son of Man” Reference to OT, Dan and Ezekiel...but also to His Humanity Here is what I want you to understand today. Jesus Gets it! Unto us a Child Is Born: Born of Mary. A man..fully man Not just “God wearing a man suit!” He is fully man...and whatever you and I might go through...He understands it.

*1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.*

**2. Unto Us A Son Is Given:** This Focuses On the Deity of Jesus. He is fully and completely God. 100% All there! Jesus is not just man. He is also fully and completely God, which is what makes it possible for him to forgive our sin. The promise of Christmas is that God Gets It!...and He can actually DO something about what is happening in our life! It's one thing to say I UNDERSTAND. It is quite another to say, I can HELP!

- Col 1:15-23 Pg 833 Because He is man He Gets It. Because He is God He can do something about it!  
~Image of invisible God Lit = the stamp of God (Die that makes impression; coin)  
John 14:9: "If you have seen me you have seen the Father!"
- ~By him all things created: Lit = through his instrumentality and power everything was created!  
John 1:3 *Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*
- ~God please to have all his fullness dwell in Jesus  
Lit = the totality of all divine powers and attributes!
- ~Reconcile all things and brought peace through his blood  
Lit = Jesus is the agent of reconciliation (bringing together) and making peace: Through Blood
- ~ Present you holy in his sight! Lit = Pure and unblemished...unable to be accused...Nothing to point at!
- ~ Established, firm, not moved in faith: Lit = Established on foundation; Seated and not to be moved in any way. SET

Because He is God Jesus can do in our life what no one else can do when we lean into and depend upon Him

He forgives our sin, He creates new opportunities out of bad situations, He walks with us, reconciles us to God  
He works in our life to purify and heal and strengthen and provide so that we can stand firm regardless of what comes!

He Gets It...and When Trials come He helps us stand strong...and When Joy Comes...He celebrates with us  
He laughs with those that laugh...and he cries with those that cry!

- The Term Son of God is used to reference the Deity of Jesus, used almost 50 times in NT (46)  
But the one time I want you to look at with me the single use of that term in the OT  
Dan 3:25: Perhaps you know the story...Shadrach, Meshah and Abednego

Vs 25 "I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods!"

Here is why I wanted you to look at that passage with me.

Because Jesus is Man...He Gets it. He knows what it is like to be tried, betrayed, tempted, misunderstood and have life on line  
Because He is God...when that happens to us... He can do something about it...Walk with us through whatever comes our way!

*Isa 43:1 But now, this is what the LORD says-- he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;*

**CONCL:** Christmas is coming...And God has made some amazing promises to us in the Scripture about His Son

*Unto Us A Child is Born.....Unto Us A Son Is Given*

Jesus is Both..A child in the manger...and the Son of God. And because He is...He Gets it...And Can do something about it!

**He Understands:** What Do you need Him to understand in your life today?  
Do you feel isolated and alone? Like no one understands...Like no one has been here before. He hse  
There is nothing in your life that He cannot grasp. Touched w our infirmities, Moved compassion

**He can Help:** His arm is not too short nor his strength too small. He heart isn't to hard and His concern too limited  
He sees...and He cares.  
Just Thursday I was talking with someone...known 30 years...told the story again...God's Grace

Terry S.: Told the story...and he said: Three times when I have fallen to my knees..every time he answered

If you are praying...seeking ... looking...the answer today is Jesus.  
You come...here on your knees ask him for what you need.