

NOTES

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CHRISTMAS... BLISS (perfect happiness)

Bliss, 1) perfect happiness, 2) to reach a state of perfect happiness typically as to be oblivious of everything else.

THE UPS AND DOWNS

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, & yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

A LITTLE TASTE OF HEAVENLY BLISS

① _____ in our midst

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Hebrews 13:2 Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Rev. 2 To the angel of the church in Ephesus write... Smyrna...

② _____ in our midst

²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

- Jesus, HE SAVES.

- "from" = **APO**, of any kind of separation of one thing from another by which the union or fellowship of the two is destroyed

Revelation 21:4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

③ _____ in our midst

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

IT'S JUST A MORSEL

* Don't _____ the little bits of _____ bliss on earth

HOLD ON FOR NOW

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

All references taken from The New International Version of the Bible unless noted.