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**GOD'S GIFT TO US: HIS SON, THE SAVIOR
CONNECT
MATTHEW 1:18-25**

God's desire to connect with man. Matt. 1:18-25

- God's connection with man—He created **him**. Gen. 1:20-27; 2:18-24; 3:1-24
- God's connection with man through the **sacrificial** system. Gen. 3:1-24; 4:4-5; 8:20-21; Lev. 4:35; 5:16; 16:1-34; Heb. 10:13; 9:22, 7-14; 1 John 2:2
- God's connection with man through the **birth**, death and resurrection of Christ. Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:35-38; Gen. 3:15; Is. 7:14; 9:6; 1 Cor. 15:7-8; 1 Tim. 2:5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 10:9-14

Man's need to connect with God. Matt. 1:21

- Man's need for **salvation**. Matt. 1:21; Gen. 3:1-7; Rom. 5:6-10, 12, 16; 3:10-11; Is. 64:6
- Man's need is **universal**. Matt. 1:21; John 3:16; 1:29; 4:42; 12:47; 1 John 2:2
- Man's need is **personal**. John 3:16; Luke 23:34, 39-43; Matt. 26:57, 59-65; 27:27-44

Results of connecting with God.

- Living in the presence of **God** forever. John 3:16; Rom. 10:13
- Living life on **earth** abundantly. John 10:10
- Living life connecting with **others** so they can connect with God. Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; Rom. 10:14-15