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**GOD'S GIFT TO US: HIS SON, THE SAVIOR  
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LUKE 1:6-7; PHIL. 2:6-8**

**The birth of the servant. Luke 1:6-7**

- Born in a **stable** to be laid in a borrowed tomb. Luke 1:6-7; Matt. 27:57-60
- Born and **wrapped** in swaddling clothes to be wrapped in sin. 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:12; 1 Pet. 2:22; Is. 53:9
- Born and laid in a food trough to be **nailed** to a cross. Luke 1:7; Matt. 27:33-35; Luke 23:33; John 19:11-18

**The characteristics of a servant. Luke 1:6-7; Phil. 2:6-8**

- **Humility.** Phil 2:6-8
  - He never stopped being **God**. Phil. 2:6; John 1:14; 10:30, 32-33; 8:58
  - He did become a **man**. Phil. 2:7-8; John 17:5; Heb. 2:16-18; John 5:30; 6:38; 1:47-48; 2:28; 2 Cor. 8:9; Matt. 20:28; 2 Cor. 5:21
- **Obedience.** Phil. 2:8; John 10:11, 15, 17-18, 15:10; Matt. 26:36-46; 16:21-23
- **Sacrifice.** Phil. 2:8; Gal. 3:13; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 2:14; Matt. 16:21; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18

**The challenge of being a servant. Phil. 2:2-5**

- To place others **before** ourselves. Phil. 2:2-5; Rom. 12:10, 16, 12:1-2; 1 John 3:18
- To **replace** our lifestyle with that of Jesus Christ. Phil. 2:6-8; 2 Cor. 8:9; John 13:12-17, 34-35; Rom. 8:29; Gal. 2:20