



A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

The Most Wonderful Gift Ever Given-Part 2

Behold, a door stands open. It is not a heavy solid door twenty feet high and decorated with ornate images of gold. It is not an earthly king's door. Rather, it is an unobstructed opening at the mouth of a cave carved out of stone. Straw covers its floor. Feeders filled with hay line the wall. In the middle of the cave is a centerpiece, a simple unornate manger cut out of stone. There is a knock at the door, but how can there be a knock when no door exists? The knock is on the door of our hearts. It is for us to open that door and invite the light of the world into it. We can open the door of our heart by seeking, and what we seek shall be given to us (Matthew 7:7-8, NKJV).

Looking beyond the door, we find a young woman pregnant with a child. Godhead has formed the child in her womb. No man's sperm could create this special child because man lives with inherited sin. The child in Mary's womb is the Son of El Elyon, The God Most High. She has no fear of pain, for El Elyon placed a wonderful gift in her—a gift of painless childbirth. Therefore, Mary does not allow her heart to be troubled or afraid because God loves her very much. He is giving his Son through her and to her and all humanity. Godhead's gift of the Son through physical birth meets the requirement of being born of water. When he is thirty years

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old, his cousin, John the Baptist, immerses him in the Jordan River to symbolize his righteousness, incarnation of the Trinity, willingness to take human form to pay for humanity's sin and defeat death, and to show his power to rise from death to life. God, his Father, will send a dove, the Holy Spirit, upon him as the requirement of being born of the Spirit (Matthew 1:20-21). Beloved, this Son of God, Jesus, shall be a shepherd to all people. He will lead them to rest and provide refreshments. He will restore their broken lives with his righteousness. His protection will overshadow them and guide them as they walk through the dark valleys of their lives. If you believe in Jesus and have accepted him as your Savior and Lord, thank God for his indescribable gift. If you have not accepted Jesus as your Savior and Lord, I pray you will allow God's indescribable gift to come into your mind and heart.

May your Christmas glow with the Light of the world in your eyes and home.

Shalom!!

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