



DGM Message Summary: The Joseph Code(5/3/15)

Message Summary: In the message, Dr. Grier shares a detailed account of the three actions Joseph took prior to the birth of Jesus and how you can apply these life-changing principles to your daily walk to experience abundance along with God's unfailing love, grace and mercy in every area of your life. Your past may be dark, but Jesus paid the ultimate price so your sins could be forgiven and you could receive salvation, which is the key to eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Opening Remarks (for Greet):

- You're going to see some things you've never seen before in this Christmas package
- The way Jesus came in gives great import to what happened when Jesus left the planet

Key Points:

- Isaiah 7:14
 - Why would a teenager having a baby be a sign?
 - The sign was pointing to a miracle deeper than just biology
 - Both the status of the mother (virgin) and gender of a child are both foretold
 - Latter part of the verse is most powerful: Emmanuel means God with us
 - Messiah born will be a son and somehow God at the same time
 - Deity and humanity will intersect
- Isaiah 9:6
 - The messiah that will be born will be a wonder worker and his name will be called "wonderful counselor"
 - Jesus began with 12 followers and now billions around the globe worship him; he's a counselor like none another
 - For eternity, every time we do something stupid, Jesus is in the right ear of the father telling him he already paid the price for our sins
 - The holes in his feet counsel God to deal with us graciously and mercifully
 - If it wasn't for Jesus on our side, where would we be?
 - "Mighty God"
 - The child would be the exact stamp and representation of the invisible God, according to the prophets

- “Prince of peace”
 - He would become the author and seal between the divine heaven and Earth
 - We’re alienated from God through our sin, but Jesus bridges the gap (that’s why he had to be God and man) so he could reach us both
 - People used to have covenants with God but they always struggled to uphold their end of the promise
 - ***Peace with God is based on the acceptance of Jesus’ payment for your sins***
 - You’ll never be good enough for God to receive you; you must look to Jesus
- We must approach God based on Jesus’ work and how he died on the cross for our sin; that’s when real peace is developed
- Matthew 1:18
 - At this point, the dowry had been paid
 - There was a nine-month waiting period to make sure no other baby pops up
 - Mary was found with child (of the holy spirit) during the waiting period
 - True obedience can sometimes create some problems
- Matthew 1:19
 - Mary and Joseph were married nine months before they were intimate
 - Joseph was contemplating divorce because he knew he wasn’t the father
 - The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in his dream
 - He was reassured to not be afraid
 - He was also told what happened to Mary was supernatural; Mary will have a son and they will call him Jesus (God doesn’t let Joseph name Jesus); the name means “God saves” or “salvation” for he will save his people from their sins
 - Jesus came to deal with our issues from the root
 - Joseph’s faith was as great as Mary; they both believed in God
 - Under the law, a woman should be stoned if they are caught cheating
 - Mary was innocent, but accused
 - Mary suffered the greatest stigma of any of us, but she endured for the purpose of fulfilled prophecy
 - Reality: if God could make the first Adam from dirt, why is it so hard God can make the second Adam from a uterus?
 - Everything Jesus did in his life fulfilled a prophecy
- Matthew 1:22
 - Jesus fulfilled over 300 prophecies in his life
- Matthew 1:23
 - Once God becomes clear about something, we must stop sleeping and make up our mind to obey God
 - For the rest of his life, unbelievers thought he snuck in during the waiting period
- 3 things Joseph did (and what we should do to experience Jesus in our life)
 - 1. Joseph had to embrace the woman he questioned
 - We must repent!
 - Joseph was willing to admit his fault

- 2. Joseph refused to interrupt God's process until he was finished
 - We must stop trying to help or interrupt God; (get out of the way and stay out of the way)
 - Joseph forfeited some of his rights in order to secure the holiness of that child
- 3. Joseph named the child what God told him to name it
 - We have to learn to call things as God calls them (not as we see them, but as they are)
 - If God says we are righteous, we must stop looking at the past
 - If we want Jesus in our life, we must call it as we see it and not how we see it
- There was no Jesus until both Mary and Joseph agreed
 - In order for Jesus to be raised properly, he needed a mentor (Joseph was his mentor, although he wasn't the biological father)