

THE PERSON OF CHRIST

Conception:

The Virgin Shall Conceive & Bear a Son

Matthew 1:18-25

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, You are Jesus. For you shall save your people from our sins. You are Immanuel, God with us. You are our great gift, peace, hope and joy. In Christ alone do we find these attributes. We confess, Lord, our attempts to conjure up these eternal blessings with shopping, get togethers and giving gifts. We have been reminded again this season that these wonderful blessings and necessary gifts can not come through a passing glance or even a casual acknowledgement of Jesus Christ the babe in the manger but instead with a absorbing, glory filled, wonder that God has come in all His glory and radiance has come and has dwelt among us. O Lord, grant us this gift, this wonder, this peace, this hope, this joy in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Joseph's Dilemma (vv. 18-19)
2. Joseph's Dream (vv. 20-23)
3. Joseph's Devotion (vv. 24-25)

Central Textual Truth

Matthew wanted His Jewish Audience to Affirm Jesus as the promised Christ.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to Affirm Jesus as our promised Christ.