

The things we believe about God are nonsense...
but nonetheless true.

ridiculous **GOD**

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Father, as Your child, I need your love. Forgive me for the times I unknowingly reject it because of my unbelief, distraction, or self-loathing. I long for Your love and acceptance, yet don't understand how I can receive such an extravagant gift.

As Christmas approaches, may I remember the wondrous gift of love given through the birth of Jesus. Give me the faith to believe that this love gift is mine to receive. May I live in the assurance and comfort of this marvelous love. In light of the many disappointments and doubts this life brings, give me courage to follow Jesus. Point me to the cross as proof and reminder of Your love for me.

We believe in Jesus Christ - fully God and fully man - God's only begotten Son, who was born of a virgin and lived a sinless, perfect example of humanity. We believe in the One who suffered on a cross, rose from the dead and now sits at the right hand of God. In becoming our substitute, He provides forgiveness to those who place their faith in Him. He is the ultimate evidence of God's ridiculous love. We believe that, one day, He will return to make all things as they should be.

Feeling Like A F_____

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Matthew 1:18-19

F_____ of A Fool

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

Matthew 1:20-23

Faith of A H_____

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Matthew 1:24-25

Faith of O_____ Hero

Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Matthew 26:38-39

GOD IS E_____

NEXT STEPS

Recommended Reading:

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe ~ C.S. Lewis

The Silver Chair ~ C.S. Lewis

The Final Battle ~ C.S. Lewis

Orthodoxy ~ G.K. Chesterton