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Receiving Jesus

What's the meaning of Christmas, Charlie Brown?



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his rule in the world.**

Jesus as Prophet, Priest and King

	Office	Spirit's Work	In Church	Flowing Out
Doctrine	Prophet	Revelation	Authority	Knowledge
Devotion	Priest	Regeneration	Intimacy	Freedom*
Stewardship	King	Sanctification	Calling	Responsibility

*(from guilt and fear)

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions and gave to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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- We succeed in receiving Jesus as King when we wholeheartedly devote ourselves to Christ and his gospel.
- We succeed in receiving Jesus as King when we practice good stewardship in all of life.



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The Bible has authority because it is the word of God.

2 Peter 1:19-21

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



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- Increases joy
- Establishes families
- Strengthens relationships
- Maintains hope

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"The American dream is to get it all. The Kingdom dream is to give our all."

- Author Unknown



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Psalm 51:17

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart you, O God, will not despise.

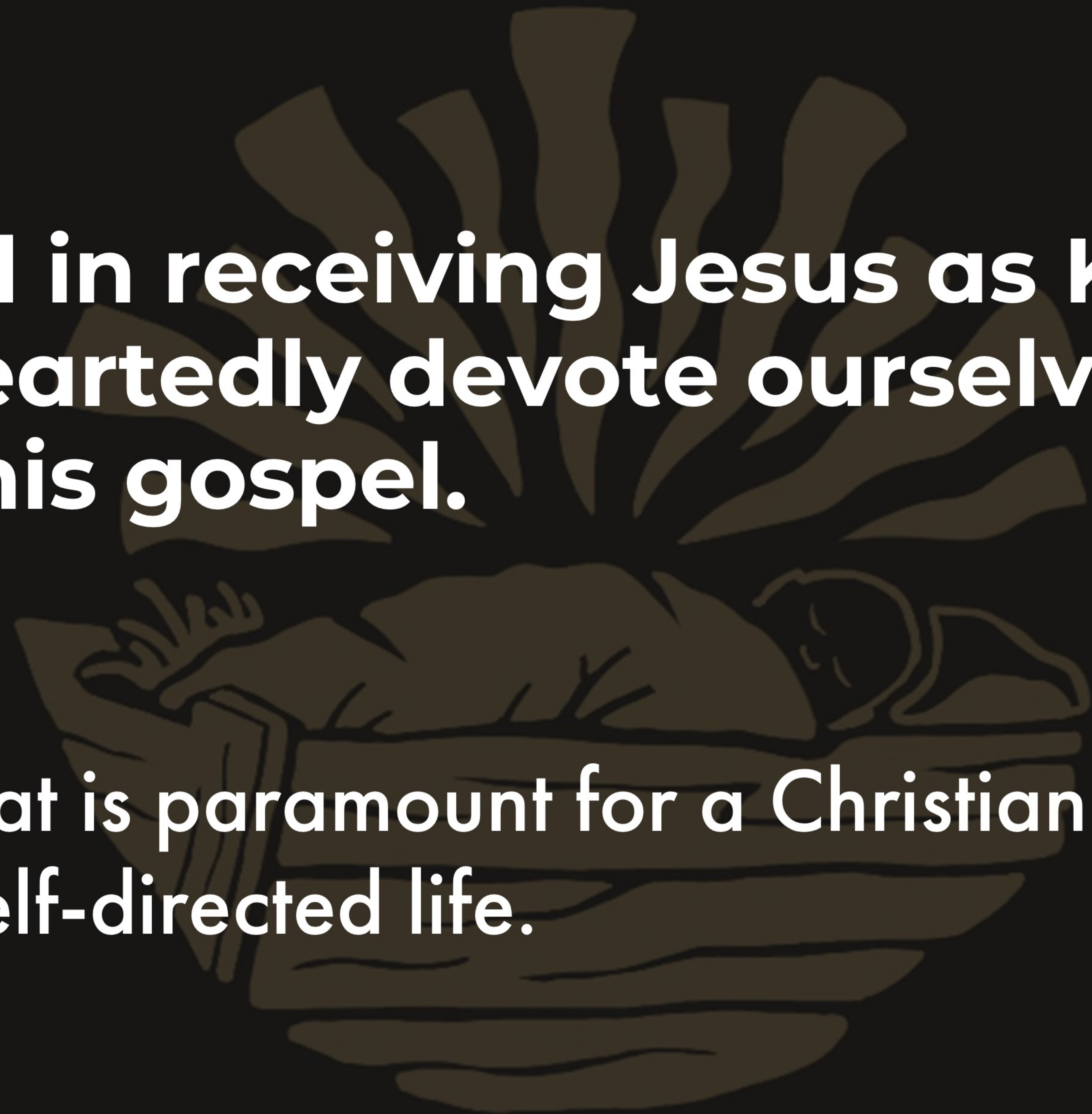
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John 12:23-26

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant will also be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."

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The sacrifice that is paramount for a Christian is the sacrifice of a self-directed life.



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Greg Forster, "Joy for the World"



Vanessa McDowell, CEO YWCA Madison



"To be a leader, you need to learn how to serve first."

"Lord, you have entrusted me with something. I'd better make sure I steward it with excellence. It is humbling to walk in the steps God has laid out for me. And I have plotted out my life to obey God."

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Prophet + Priest + King = Fully Mature

Colossians 1:28

**He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so
that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.**

Colossians 2:6 – 7

**So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,
rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and
overflowing with thankfulness.**