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Many of us call ourselves Christians,
but it is hard to tell the difference
between how we live and think and
everyone else. Why did Jesus have such
an impact on the lives of John, Paul,
Peter and Mary?



Jesus
&
Mary (Mom)
Luke 1:26-45





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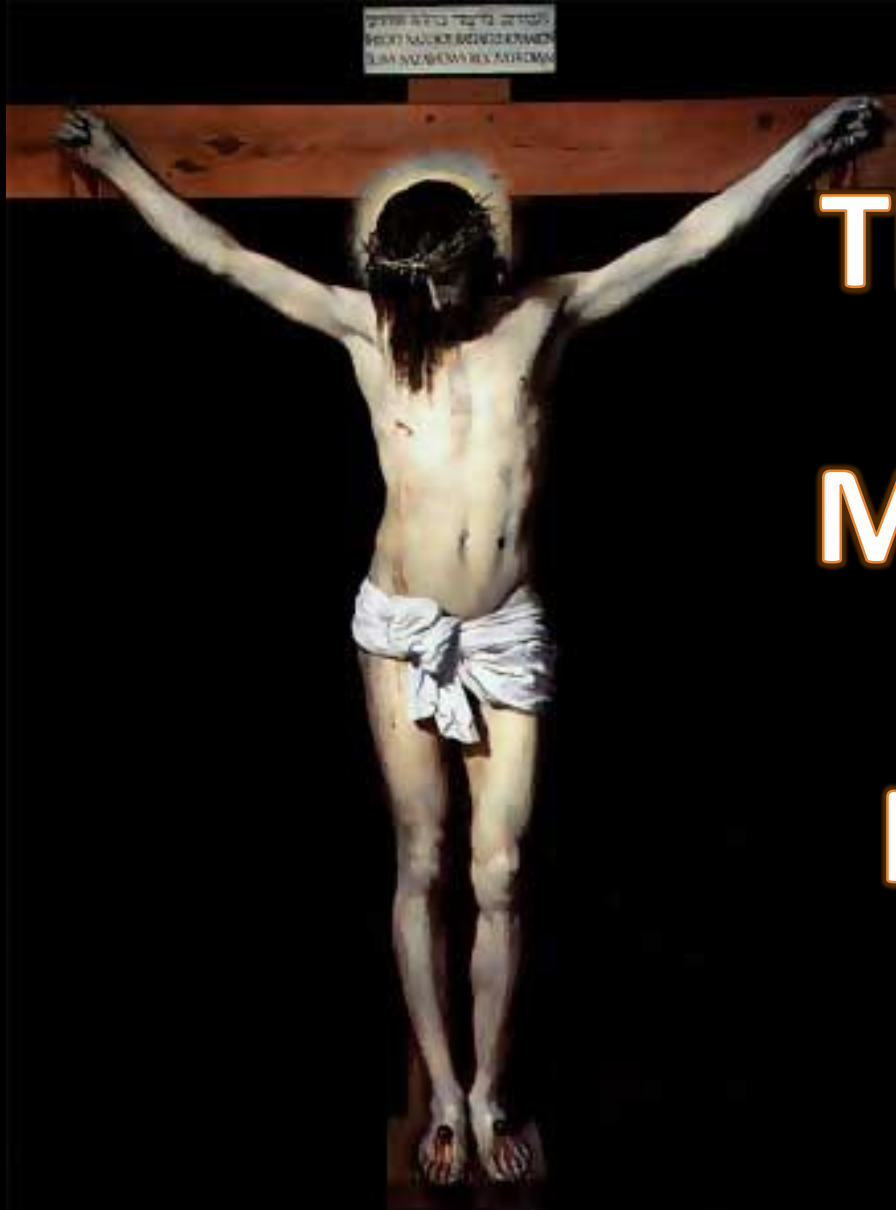
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God in Mary & God in us

Nurturing the Life

Mary Doubts



Mary was pregnant with God

Luke 1:35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.



Mary was pregnant with God

Mary is God's mother...She suckled God, rocked God to sleep, prepared broth and soup for God, etc. For God and man are one person, one Christ, one Son, one Jesus, not two Christs...just as your son is not two sons...even though he has two natures, body and soul, the body from you, the soul from God alone. (Luther, 1539).



Luke 1:41-45 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was **filled with the Holy Spirit**. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the **mother of my Lord** should come to me... Blessed is she who has believed that what the **Lord** has said to her will be accomplished!"

Just think about how life
changing it must have been to
have GOD inside of Mary.



God living in us

Is just as life changing.



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1 John 3:9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's **seed** abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.

1 Peter 1:23 since you have been born again, not of perishable **seed** but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

Ephesians 3:14-21 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so **that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

may have strength to comprehend with
all the saints what is the breadth and
length and height and depth, and to
know the love of Christ that surpasses
knowledge, that you may be filled with
all the fullness of God.



How does it work out in the practical
planes of everyday living.





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Pregnancy Dos and Don'ts

- Do take prenatal vitamins.
 - Do consume 400 micrograms of folic acid.
 - Do eat a healthy diet.
- Do gain a healthy amount of weight
- Do get 7-9 hours of sleep..
- Do Low-impact exercise.



Pregnancy Dos and Don'ts

- Do not clean or change a cat's litter box.
- Do not take very hot baths, hot tubs, or saunas.
- Do not have optional
 - x-rays.
- Do not smoke, Do not drink alcohol, and Do not use illegal drugs



Why?



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Dos and Don'ts

1 Thessalonians 5:19

Do not quench the Spirit



Dos and Don'ts

Ephesians 4:30-32 And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Dos and Don'ts

Ephesians 5:18-21

be filled with the Spirit, speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“The reason I struggle to worship is because of a misunderstanding of worship. Worship is not just a ½ hr but an all day thing - my life is a song to God – my thoughts are a song to God – a living sacrifice of Praise.”

Mary Doubts

Luke 1:34

"How will this be," Mary asked
the angel, "since I am a virgin?"



Luke 1:37

--- nothing is impossible.

with God





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CROSSBEARER

A Memoir of Faith



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sexy neo women who always seemed to be around, wondering if the guy who wrote *Basic* knew what he was writing about.

But I couldn't stop the drinking and the smoking. And Naomi and our little boys couldn't help me stop, either. The enemy was inside me, literally killing me, and I couldn't do anything about it. I kept poisoning myself. I was so screwed up I thought I needed cigarettes to breathe better (really!). And alcohol was the high-octane fuel that powered me.

And then . . . for the first time since I was a boy . . . I opened my heart to God on that curb . . . and instead of turning His back on me, instead of saying, "Come on! Give me a break! Not you!" God entered my heart. And God saved me—from darkness. From death itself.

God saved me . . . from me.

I was in complete shock in the days and weeks after it happened, when I realized that with God's help, I could do any-

thing, even quit smoking and drinking, even kill the ravenous twin devils who were eating me up inside, turning my body parts (I had seen the X-rays of my cancerous throat) coal-black.

I was in shock partly because I had never believed that this could happen. The fact that it *was* happening—that God was in *my* heart and I felt better than ever before—made no sense to me. I had mocked conversion, which biblical scholars define as “a change to a completely different life.” I had made fun of conversion my whole life.



I had especially scoffed at deathbed conversions. I had lampooned those who claimed to have experienced deathbed conversion as gutless wimps, unable to *walk* their atheism or agnosticism. They betrayed their own beliefs, I mocked, by covering their bets in the months, weeks, or days before the final blackout.

And now here I was. Was I wimping out, too? I wondered sometimes, so afraid of dying, so “yella” as all the old he-man John Wayne movies said, that I had conjured a “yella” cross to hold on to?

I knew, though, as I thought about it, knew deep in my heart, that this was no “yella” cross. This was a cross with the image of a suffering Christ crucified. By focusing on His pain and suffering, my own pain became easier to bear. By focusing on His great courage and strength, I felt stronger and more courageous carrying my own crosses.



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