

THE  
*Promise*





The promise  
of God Joy  
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<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> 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."

Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)



<sup>21</sup>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.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup>But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)



JOY IN HIS  
SALVATION



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**The biggest issue that mankind has ever faced, and continues  
to face today, is Sin.**



# SALVATION IS PROVIDED

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**Christmas is the joyous celebration that Jesus came to provide  
salvation from our sins!**



**Sin Affects Our Relationship With:**

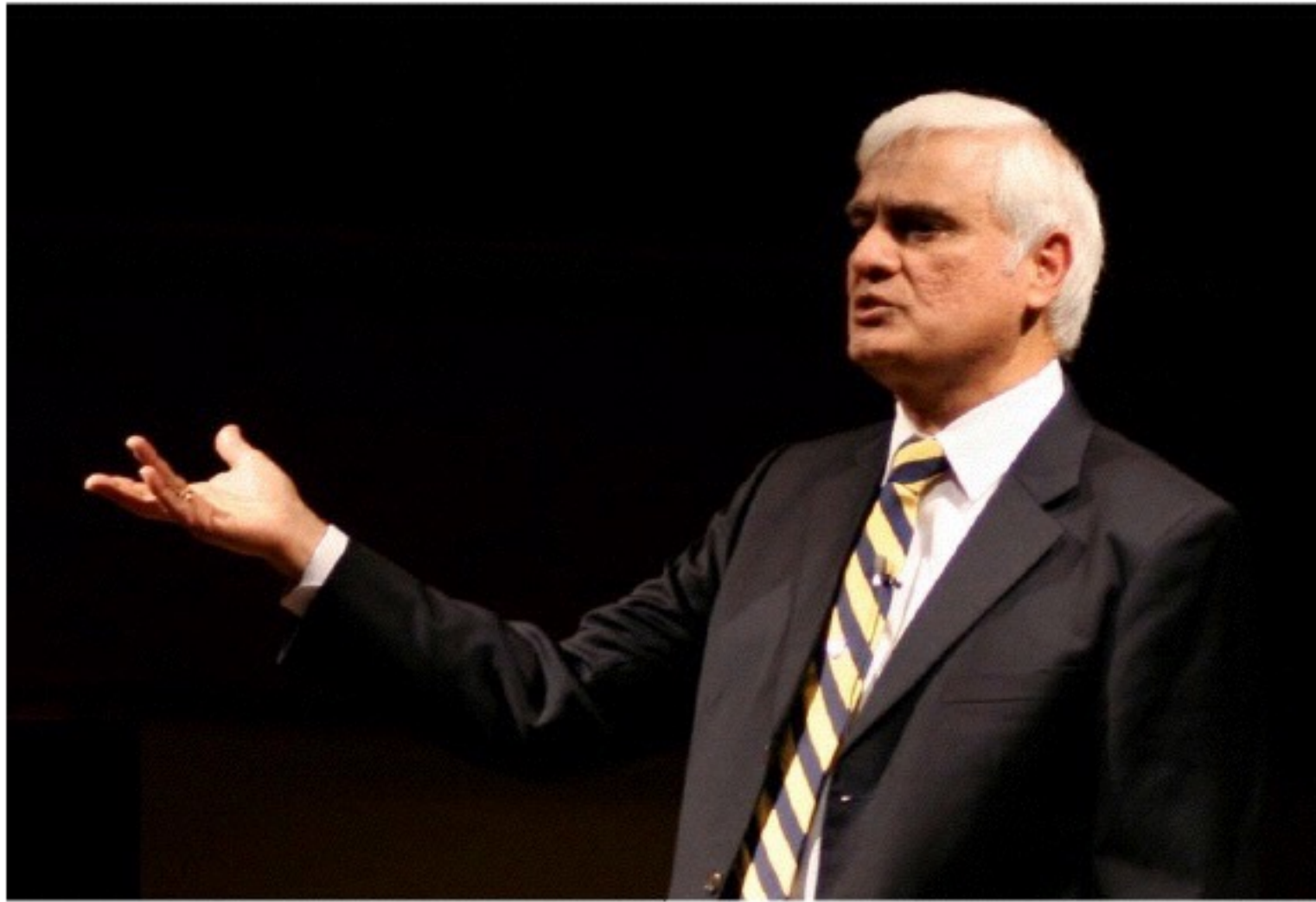
God

People

Self



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God will give you the most sacred gift of the prerogative of choice, but God does not give you the privilege of determining a different outcome to what the choice will entail. The consequences are bound to the choice.



# THE AFFECTS OF SIN

<b>GOD</b>	Sin makes us strangers and enemies
<b>PEOPLE</b>	Sin creates stress and strain
<b>SELF</b>	Sin instills disillusionment and insecurity



# THE AFFECTS OF SALVATION

	SIN	SALVATION
<b>GOD</b>	Sin makes us strangers and enemies	Salvation makes us children and friends
<b>PEOPLE</b>	Sin creates stress and strain	Salvation creates peace and harmony
<b>SELF</b>	Sin instills disillusionment and insecurity	Salvation gives us wholeness and purpose



# SALVATION IS PRESENT

<sup>23</sup>“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Matthew 1:23 (NIV)



# SALVATION OVERVIEW

## PAST SALVATION



### JUSTIFICATION:

“He made me  
right legally”

“Therefore, since we  
have been justified  
through faith, we have  
peace with God through  
our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- Romans 5:1

## PRESENT SALVATION



### SANCTIFICATION:

“He’s making me  
like Him day  
by day”

“For by one sacrifice He  
has made perfect  
forever those who are  
being made holy.”

- Hebrews 10:14

## FUTURE SALVATION



### GLORIFICATION:

“He will make me  
perfect and like  
Him forever”

“...We eagerly await a  
Savior from there, the  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
who...will transform our  
lowly bodies so that  
they will be like His  
glorious body.

- Philippians 3:20-21



<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)