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# The Infant from Bethlehem

## *What to Do if He is Really the God of Your Life*

1. Trust Him \_\_\_\_\_

**Colossians 1:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (NIV)

2. Trust Him \_\_\_\_\_

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# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.*

1. How has the traditionally celebrated Christmas season been disillusioning for you?

*"You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in You."* Describe how this classic line from Augustine's *Confessions* (AD 401) has been true in your life.

2. According to the Bible, it is absolutely impossible to be accepted by God on our own merit (see Rom.3:23; 3:9; Gal.3:22). Why does this make sense when you ponder the perfection and holiness of God?

What do you think the average person believes regarding his or her ability to be acceptable to God on their own?

3. Though it is often said that "Jesus was born to die for us", the Bible is clear that Jesus was also born to live for us. How does the fact that Jesus came to live a life that could be credited to your account change your perspective on the incarnation?
4. As odd as it may seem, Jesus' death was the apex of God's indescribable gift to us. In punishing Jesus for our transgressions he is now able to justly withhold the punishment that we deserve. How does this truth affect your overall view of Christmas?
5. Through his life and death, Jesus has now made available a way to be spiritually and judicially right with our Creator. Are you sure you have embraced this incredible gift? If not, do it now. Acknowledge your inability to be acceptable on your own, repent of your sin, and trust in what Jesus has done on your behalf. Whether you embraced this gift years ago or just now, write out a prayer that expresses your thankfulness this Christmas for God's indescribable gift.