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Third Sunday of Advent

What Is God's BIG LESSON For Us At Christmas? Part 2

Matthew 1:18-25
(Pew Bible p. 957)

*"Every year you grow, you will **find** me bigger."*
—Aslan in *The Chronicles of Narnia*, C. S. Lewis

Verses to 'catch' on: Matthew 1:21-23:

21 *She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name **Jesus**, for He will **save His people from their sins**.*
22 *Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND **THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL**," which translated means, "**GOD WITH US**."*

JESUS – *The Jesus of the Bible*

SAVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS – *Because they are a barrier*

GOD WITH US – *Companionship with His manifest presence*

GOD'S BIG LESSON FOR US

**Jesus came to save you from your sins,
because He is saving you for Himself.**

I think I would not be far wrong if I were to postulate that our sense of the presence of God is in inverse proportion to the pace of our lives.

—Dr. Richard Swenson, MD, *The Overload Syndrome*, p. 125

Next Week: Pastor Levan preaching