



**“For unto us a
Child is born,
Unto us a Son is
given”**

Isaiah 9:6



The Gift of Oneself!

Highlights

1. The Lord Christ's gift of Himself
2. Giving Oneself to the Lord Christ



The Lord Christ's gift of Himself ⁽¹⁾

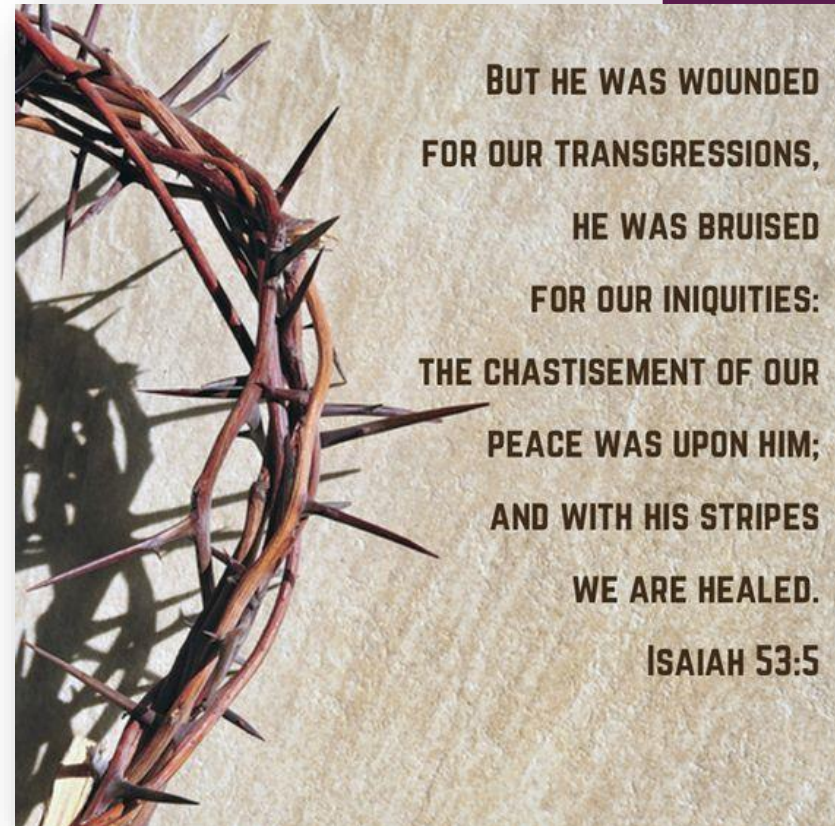
- “... who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven”

The Nicene Creed



The Lord Christ's gift of Himself (2)

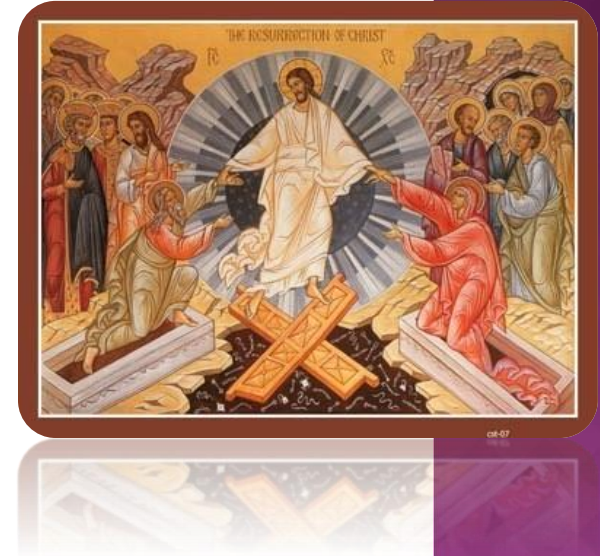
1. The Redemption:
“But He was wounded for
our transgressions,
He was bruised for our
iniquities” *Isaiah 53:5*



The Lord Christ's gift of Himself (3)

2. The ability to be united with Him and assume the power of the Resurrection in our mortal bodies:
“For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection”

Romans 6:5

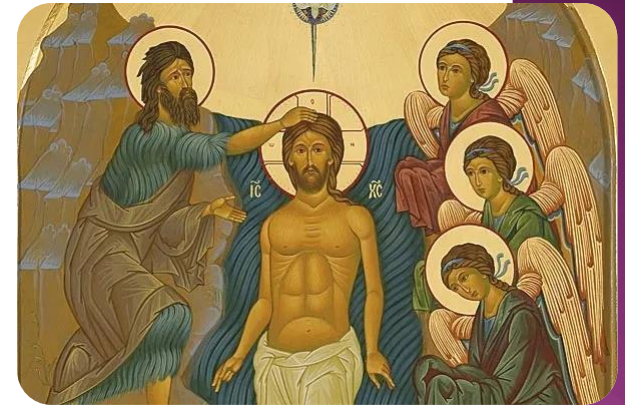


The Lord Christ's gift of Himself (4)

3. The dwelling of the Spirit in us once more:

“and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him”

Matthew 3:16



The Lord Christ's gift of Himself (5)

4. The victory over Satan and the authority to trample upon his powers (the temptation on the mountain and at the Cross)



The Lord Christ's gift of Himself (6)

5. The ability to be in Him through the mystery of Baptism:

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body”

1 Corinthians 12:13

- “For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones” *Ephesians 5:30*



The Lord Christ's gift of Himself (7)

6. His Body and His Blood to live and abide in Him forever: “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you” *John 6:53*



Giving Oneself to God ⁽¹⁾

- It's the ultimate gift that can alter the perspective about everything in our lives.
- It's the surrender of the whole life; its goal, personal talents, and even weaknesses and failures in God's hands



Giving Oneself to God ⁽²⁾

- This gift aligns us with God's will and grants us to accept everything that happens within this good will.
- It is the forgetfulness about oneself to only remember the One I gave myself to.



Giving Oneself to God ⁽³⁾

- By then, only our lives will serve a purpose beyond our limited being and be a part of the story of others' salvation.
- The example of St. Mary and her gift of herself



Giving Oneself to God ⁽⁴⁾

- It's only when we give ourselves entirely to Him that we trust that all that is His will be also ours: “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” *Romans 8:32*



“For unto us a child is born, unto us a
son is given: and the government shall
be upon his shoulder: and his named
shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God, The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.”

— *Isaiah 9:6*



**Wishing You a Blessed
& Joyous Nativity
Feast**