**Welcome and good to see you today!**

* When we think of preparation we think of buying food at a grocery store so we can cook dinner.
* When God thinks of Preparation, He is thinking of making the world fit into His plans for you and me.
* God is literally turning the world left, right, up and down, so His will and plans will be done for His people.
* Pro 10:3  The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casts away the substance of the wicked.
* God is always looking out for His People, Amen!

**Let’s learn who is Matthew?**

1. His occupation: a Tax Collector [Publican] working with the Romans Solders to force tax on the Jewish people.
2. His Nationality: A Jew from the tribe of Levi.
3. Mat\_9:9  And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

**Mega Themes:**

1. **Jesus Christ the king** – Jesus is revealed as the King of Kings. His miraculous birth, His life and teaching , His Miracles and His triumph over death show His true identity.
2. **The Kingdom of God** – Jesus came to earth to begin His kingdom. His full kingdom will be realized at His return.

**Three Things for us to See and Know about God’s Grace and the Person of Jesus Christ:**

1. **God is all powerful to perfectly preserve His People. V1 “The genealogy of Jesus Christ” – v17 “so all the genealogy”**
2. **God’s Preservation over Israel**

* V17 - Abraham to David is 14 generation
* David to Babylon is 14 generation
* Babylon to Christ is 14 generation
* God will bring a New Jerusalem into the world. Rev. 21:1-4

1. **God’s Preservation over The Church**

* Mat\_16:18  And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
* God will build His Church through our faithfulness and obedience to Him.
* God works all things together for good. Rom 8:28
* God preserves His Words – Matthew 5:18

1. **God’s Preservation over His Induvial Children**

* 1Co 3:9  For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.
* God knows His sheep and His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. John 10:27
* God shall not lose one lost sheep. John 6:39

1. **God is True and Faithful to keep His promises and covenants. V18 “ found of child of the Holy Ghost [Spirit]**

* Isa\_7:14  Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
* If God says it is going to happen, it will happen!
* Psa\_100:5  For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting; and His truth endures to all generations.
* Be Thankful and Trust God!

1. **Jesus is God with Us and He is coming, v21 “to save His People from their sins.”**

* Isa. 53:1-12 - The Lord’s Coming Salvation
* God’s Salvation is for those that want Him and want to follow Him.

**Conclude:**

* God’s Grace is Powerful and Perfect – Believe Him with your life.
* God Is Faithful to His Word and we need to always Rest on It.
* God Salvation is REAL and God can SAVE us from all sins and PRESERVE us for His Kingdom forever and ever.