



Wrapping it up

"And she gave birth to her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths..." Luke 2:7 ESV

It is that time of year to wrap things up. Review your end of the year checklist: Final grades, Graduation details, Teacher evaluations, Accreditation reports, Exit interviews, School picnic details...the list goes on! And then there are those broken relationships with students, staff and parents...

Sometimes the end of the year can be overwhelming. Consequently the tasks and relationships don't always get the attention or enthusiasm they deserve. Or sometimes it is because we are just plain old tired from trying to solve what seems like untenable problems! So we say 'let's just wrap up this year and start over in the Fall!'

God "wrapped" a different "ending" to a seemingly untenable problem. Since the Fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden, God saw what we did with our "Free Will" and was grieved. He knew that by nature we were sinful in thought, word and deed. So He wrapped His very own Son into a cloth and laid Him in a manger. This child, wrapped in perfection and humility, was destined for the Cross. There Jesus paid for all of our sins only to be wrapped back in linen clothes again and laid in the tomb. Jesus then came out of that grave to unwrap death's tangled grip on our souls.

When you feel confined and wrapped up in sin, remember the freedom you have because Christ paid the price for your soul. You are no longer confined and wrapped in the legalism of this world but have gained access to the Father who has freed you from bondage to sin.

Thank Him! Praise Him! Share Him! And as you wrap things up this year, live in freedom!

God's peace,

Mike

Discussion Questions-

1. What part of the end of the school year is most overwhelming for you?
2. How can Christ's freedom give you strength?
3. How can you share this hope with someone else who seems down or wrapped up in hopelessness?