

Christmas Goodies: The Robust Taste of Obedience
 Matthew 1:18-25

Robust – strong and rich in flavor or smell.

I. Bland beginnings.

- A. It is not in our nature to be _____
 (Eph. 2:1-3).
- B. There is no one who is _____ based
 on his/her own merit (Rom. 3:10-11; Ecc. 7:20).
- C. Bland food is like lukewarm water that God _____
 out of His mouth (Rev. 3:16).

II. Bringing out the flavor.

- A. Joseph was _____ with the pain of betrayal.
- B. Joseph was _____ by the coercion
 of his community.

III. Bountiful obedience.

- A. Joseph obeyed God and took Mary as his wife without
 _____.
- B. Joseph obeyed God and called the baby, Jesus (Yahweh
 saves or The Lord is _____).
- C. Joseph's acts of obedience were _____
 Christmas goodies offered to God.