

The Message of Christmas!

Luke 2:11

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Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents. At bedtime the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs.

“I pray for a new bicycle. I pray for a new football and basketball.
I pray for a new train set and electric scooter.”

His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf." To which the little brother replied, "No, but Gramma is!"

Children need to be reminded about the true message of Christmas. In fact, all of us need to refresh our thinking and hearts about the true and Biblical meaning behind Christmas for it's often hidden behind Christmas trees, gifts, Santa Clause, and Frosty the Snowman.

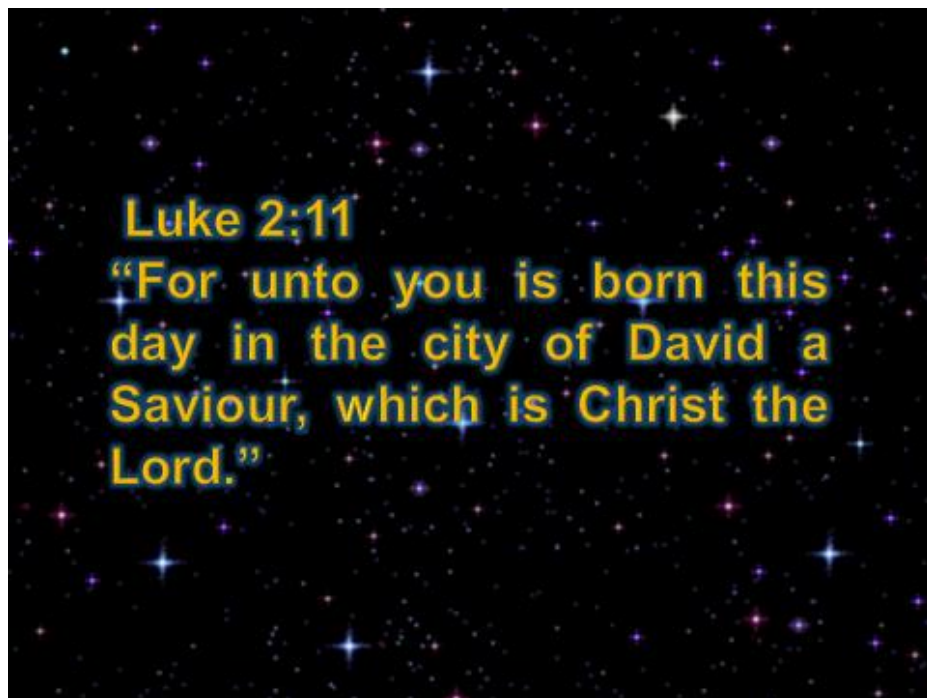
It's interesting how the atheists are continually attempting to steal Christmas from our hearts and lives with their anti-Christmas rhetoric. They continue to bash Christmas and push their agenda in this country as they try and dismiss the blessed and wonderful truth about Christmas. In fact, one atheist group has unveiled an anti-religion placard in various state capitols in our country. The saying reads like this:

“There are no gods,
No devils, no angels,
No heaven or hell.
There is only our natural world.
Religion is but myth and superstition
That hardens hearts and enslaves minds.”

Whoever wrote this is a loser! One atheist said, "Merry Mythmas!" instead of Merry Christmas as he shared his absolute disbelief in Christ's virgin birth and entrance into the world as the Savior. How different it was when we look back in the annals of history. Our congress said in 1892, "No purpose of action against religion can be imputed to any legislation, state or national, because this is a religious people ... This is a Christian nation." The celebration of Christmas has been an integral part of this country because America has been historically viewed as a Christianized nation with Judeo-Christian practices and ethics. Today they are also putting Satanic temple displays in various capitols across the country.

It's amazing how things have changed today! But despite the secularism of Christmas and all the 21st century humanism and atheism, the true message of Christmas still lives on and shines in the hearts and lives of millions of people. Although some are trying to "cancel Christmas" it will never be cancelled in the hearts of millions of Christians and those who understand the true significance and meaning for this season.

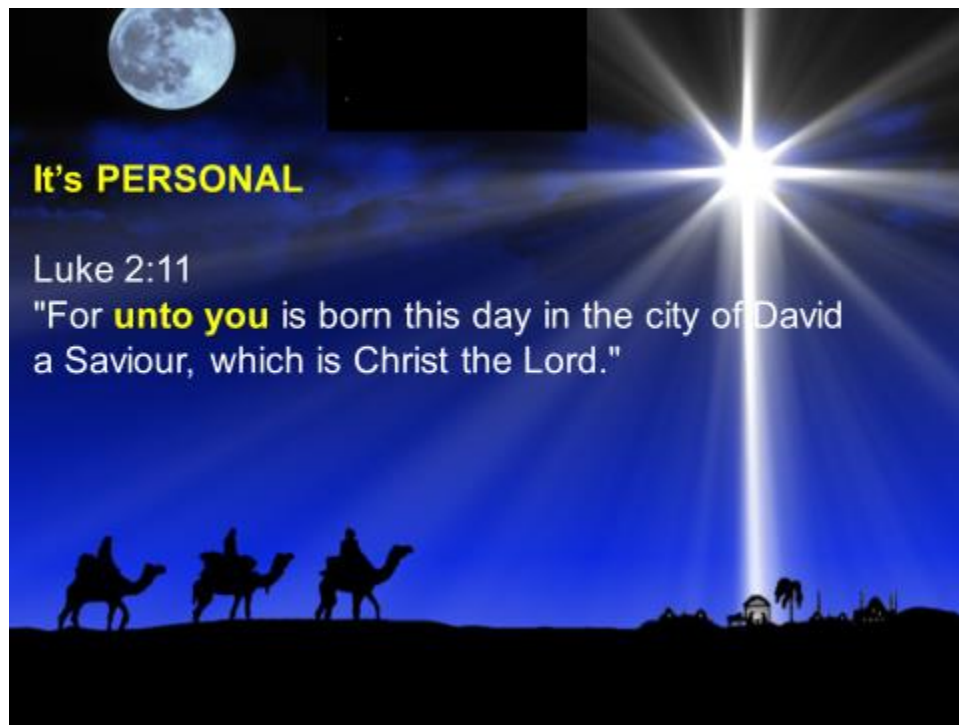
In Luke 2:11 we have the real message of Christmas. Do you know what the true Christmas message and story is all about? Let me share it with you today.



The Bible reveals the true message of Christmas. What a thrilling message the angel shared with the lowly shepherds on that night long ago. It was the message of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a message that has changed the lives of millions upon millions of people who have put their hope in the virgin born Son of God, who died on the cross and rose again to give them eternal life with God forever in Heaven.

Let's take a few moments and learn about the real Christmas message. Let's once again hear the Christmas angel speaking forth his message of glad tidings or good news. In the midst of all the bad news and fake news we hear today, this is the good news! May the Lord bless our hearts as we discover the true message of Christmas amid so many diversions and distractions during the Christmas season.

The Bible reveals to us the true message of Christmas. There is a six-fold message to the Christmas story.



Christmas has a personal note attached to it. The message of Christmas is for you! Its whole purpose is related to you. Jesus came into the world for you! "For unto you is born this day." This is exciting to realize during the Christmas season. Christmas came because Christ was concerned about you individually and reached out to you personally.

John 3:16 speaks of the personal nature of Christ's coming or entrance into the world: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Christmas is not about giving to others but Christ giving to you. He came to ultimately die on the cross for you to grant you salvation! "For unto you is born this day!" If you allow the truth of Christmas to touch and change your heart, you will have a different type of Christmas this year!

Jesus Christ entered the world of lost humanity, and this is what the Christmas story is all about. Christ came into the world because He loves you and wants to save you from hell and eternal judgment. "For unto you is born this day!" One of the Christmas carols gives us the personal nature of Christmas.

"O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today."

Jesus said in John 3:7

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

This also is very personal and is a reflection of why Jesus was born on Christmas day. Jesus was born physically so you might be born again spiritually. You must be born again means to be given a spiritual rebirth by receiving God's life and nature within your human spirit (Eph. 2:1-2). The only way you can be born again is to understand that Jesus entered this world as the Savior and place personal faith in Him for your salvation or deliverance from hell which is the expression of God's wrath against sinners. The moment you place faith in Christ, you are transferred from the place of spiritual death to spiritual life (John 3:6).

Have you ever made the message of Christmas and Christ personal to you through experiencing the new birth or being born again (receiving God's life) through faith in Jesus Christ?

John 1:12 declares:

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power (*authority, right*) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Again, this is very personal! When we receive Christ, it means we believe on Him, expressing our faith in Christ to be our personal Savior. Receiving Christ is believing on Christ. It's an individual decision that occurs at one point in our lives where we place all our confidence in Christ to save us. So, Jesus Christ was born physically "for you" so you can be born again spiritually, which means to have God's life implanted within your human spirit through personally believing on Christ to save you from His wrath against sinners.

Christ entered the world for you! "For unto you is born this day!"

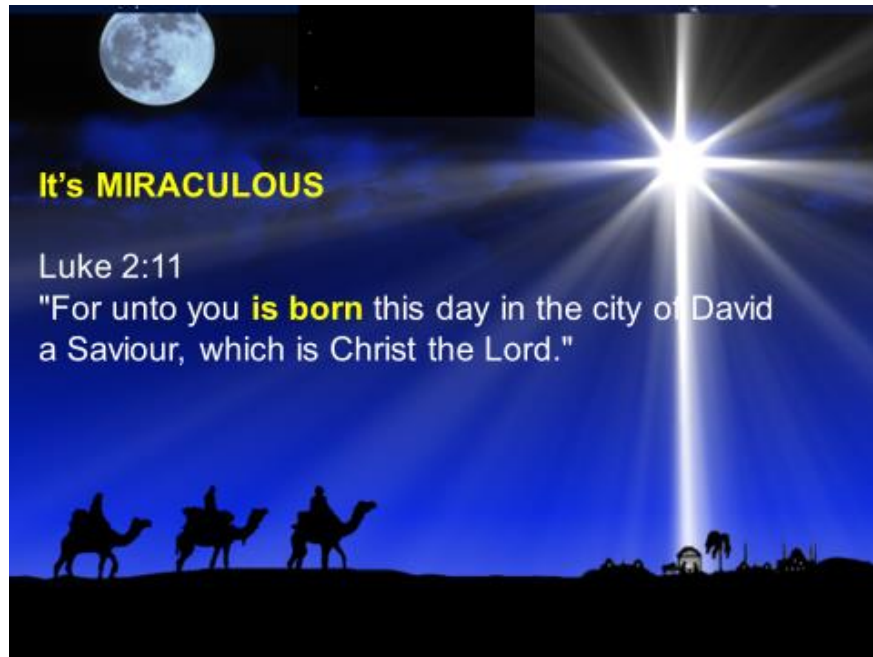
As Christians, we should remain laser focused during the Christmas season on why Christ entered the world. He came to personally save us from condemnation and judgment because of our sins (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; John 3:15-16, 36). We should remember that Christmas is about Christ's birthday in order that we might have our own spiritual birthday, that we could be born again and one day enter Heaven when we die.

There are many things which can distract us from the true meaning message of Christmas. But the message of Christmas is personal. Make it personal in your own heart this season by believing on Christ as your Savior and by telling others of what Christmas means to you personally as a born-again Christian. Jesus is saying, "I came into the world for you!" "For unto you is born this day!"

"Long time ago in Bethlehem
So the Holy Bible says
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ
Was born on Christmas day.

Hark, now hear the angels sing
A new king born today
And man will live forevermore
Because of Christmas day.

Trumpets sound and angels sing
Listen what they say
That Man will live forevermore
Because of Christmas day."



This speaks of the miraculous conception and virgin birth of Jesus Christ, when He entered the womb of Mary and was then born into this world as a baby, pure and undefiled from the taint of sin.

Christ's conception and birth was miraculous! The Bible tells me so!

The virgin birth protects Christ's deity and confirms that He is the eternal God who is without sin.

Isaiah 7:14 prophesied of Christ's birth over 700 years before He came: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

The word "almah" actually means a young woman or maiden who was a virgin (Isa. 23:12; 37:22; 47:1; 62:5). The Hebrew word "almah" represents those who are eligible for marriage and was always referred to as a "maiden" with whom no man had had relations (Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words). In fact, "There is no instance where it can be proven that this word designates a young woman who is not a virgin" (Thayer's Greek Lexicon and Brown Driver & Briggs Hebrew Lexicon). The Theological Workbook of the OT also signifies this. Hundreds of years before Christ appeared on the earthly scene it was prophesied

that He would be virgin born which means a miraculous conception had to occur in Mary's womb apart from a man so that the Adamic sin nature would not be transferred to the Christ child.

The New Testament record of Christ's miraculous conception and birth is given in Matthew 1:20-25 which is a direct and literal fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy: "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus."

It's important to see that Mary being a virgin is linked to Christ being Emmanuel (God with us). Joseph and Mary were in the Jewish betrothal state which was a stage of marriage that preceded the consummation of the marriage in physical relations. There was no physical relationship between Joseph and Mary, and this is why Christ was miraculously conceived in the womb by the work of the Holy Spirit and was born without Adam's sin (Romans 5:12).

Mark this down. The baby that was born in Bethlehem was God incarnate (John 1:14, 18). This means Christ shared the divinity or deity of the Godhead with the Father. The deity of Christ is based upon the virgin conception and birth of Christ. This is why we sing:

"Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb."

Luke 1:26-35 also gives a record of the virgin conception and birth of Christ: "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the

house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

The "holy thing" is a general reference to the Virgin Birth and what the Holy Spirit produced by supernatural means. In other words, the virgin conception and birth of this baby was a holy thing that God did to bring God into the human race. It was a birth that would result from a supernatural conception where no sin was transmitted through the line of man. It was free from the taint of sin! There was no sin in the baby Jesus.

Although Christ possessed human blood, at the same time, it was considered to be God's blood (Acts 20:28) and it was God who had supernaturally kept the blood of Christ from being tainted with Adamic sin. Apparently, sin is passed down through the bloodline of the man and therefore God had to provide a miraculous birth and bloodline that was untainted by sin.

Hebrews 7:26 speaks of Christ sinlessness:

"For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens."

Jesus was not only inherently pure and impeccable, during His earthly ministry He remained pure in all His contacts with sinners. He came as a humble baby, but He eventually in His ascension Christ became exalted above the heavens which stresses His greatness, authority, majesty, and rule over all of the universe as the eternal God. We must understand that the pure and undefiled sacrifice of Jesus

Christ on the cross (Heb. 9:14; 1 Pet. 1:19) is based upon the pure and undefiled virgin conception and birth of Christ. You cannot have one without the other.

“Gentle Mary laid her Child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled,
To the world a stranger:
Such a Babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favor.”

This miraculous conception and holy birth of the Christ child was the physical entrance of God or Emmanuel into the world (Matt. 1:23). Christ was supernaturally conceived and when He was born into the world the miracle of the ages had occurred. God became man to bring man to God (John 14:6).

"In July of 1978, a little girl named Louise Brown was born in England. At five pounds 12 ounces, Louise was a tiny baby, but what made her birth truly extraordinary was that she was conceived outside the human body. Little Louise Brown was the first 'test-tube baby.'

Man touted this great accomplishment. Why? It's because man thinks that he is pretty smart. Well, I want to convey to you that man is a dunce when it comes to what God has done. God alone gives life. Man can only play around with it in test tubes. Furthermore, man cannot produce a virgin birth in the womb of a woman. Only God has done it! The virgin conception and birth was a special and supernatural biological miracle.

There are more people today who want to “go green” than who want to “go with the virgin birth.” People are more interested in ecology than theology. We live in a time when the Bible and the miraculous is still doubted by the skeptics and liberals. But the importance of the virgin conception and birth of Jesus Christ cannot be stressed enough in this age of skepticism. It protects Christ's deity (He was Immanuel – God in the flesh).

In a segment titled “A Post-Patriarchal Christmas,” Brian McLaren of the emerging church movement took issue with the virgin birth as a “science-defying miracle that proved something about Jesus.” He protested, “This approach never really worked for me. How can you use something you can’t prove—a virgin birth long ago—to prove something else—the unique identity of Jesus?” McLaren means that we cannot scientifically prove (reproduce in a lab) the virgin birth because it was an alleged one-time occurrence in the past. However, using McLaren’s standard, I could say “people have claimed that George Washington was the first president of the United States, but this approach never really worked for me because you can’t reproduce/prove it.”

McLaren is dancing around the doctrine of the virgin birth of Christ. Here is the bottom line. There will always be virgin birth rejectors, but they are also Christ rejectors. In denying the virgin birth of Christ a person denies the person and work of Christ. Can a true Christian deny the virgin birth? The answer to that question must be a decisive “No.” Those who deny the virgin birth reject the authority of Scripture, deny the supernatural birth of the Savior, undermine the very foundations of the Gospel, and have no way of explaining the deity of Christ.

The great quest of liberal theology has been to invent a Jesus who is stripped of all supernatural power, deity and authority. If Christ was NOT born of a virgin, He would have inherited the sin nature of the human race, through Adam, which means He could not be our Savior. There is an absolute necessity for the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. Without a divine conception and birth, we would not have a divine solution to salvation. Without a virgin birth there would be no hope of Heaven and eternal life through Jesus Christ. This is why we sing:

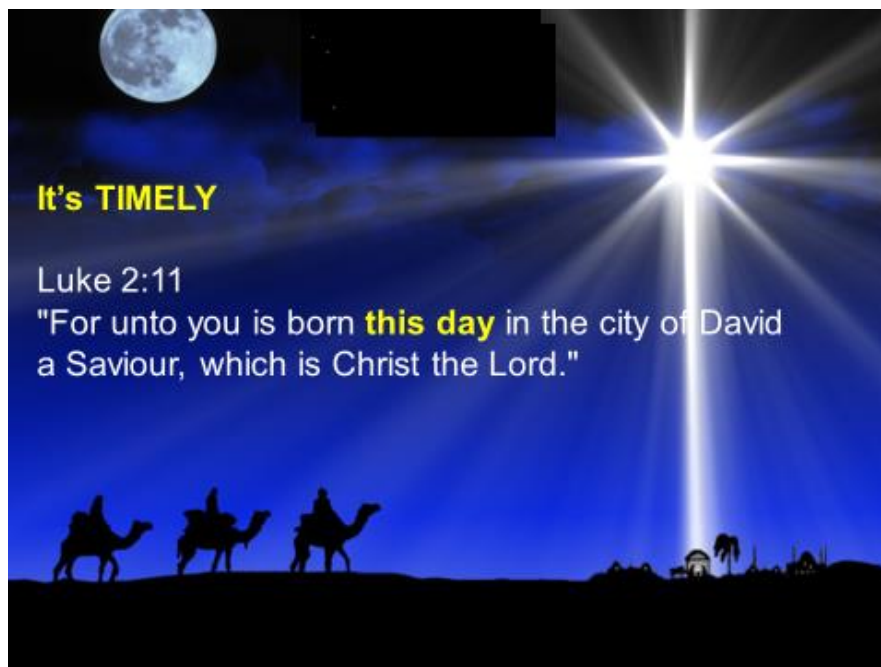
“Late in time, Behold Him come
Offspring of the virgins’ womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhood see,
Hail the incarnate Deity.”

This is the real message of Christmas! The long awaited coming of the Messiah had occurred. He was miraculously conceived and born of the virgin Mary. The miracle of Christmas is the miracle of the virgin birth. There must be a virgin birth and there was a virgin birth. The Bible tells me so! Let us not forget about the

miracle of Christmas. Without the miracle of the virgin birth, we would have no Christmas, no salvation, and no hope.

This is why we sing the beloved words:

“Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin Mother and Child!
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Jesus Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus Lord at Thy birth.”



We sometime get very busy around the Christmas season. We attend family gatherings and special church services. We also need to buy some gifts for our family and friends. We have many schedules to keep. But did you know that God kept His schedule perfectly when He sent His Son into the world of lost humanity. When Jesus entered the world on that Christmas day long ago, He came right on schedule – God’s schedule! This reminds me that God is NEVER late. “For unto you is born this day.” The day of Christ’s birth came which God had written down on His calendar and Jesus was born on “this day” as the Bible states.

My wife and I still write down our appointments on our calendar so we can with a quick glance see what is happening for the week. I need to be reminded about things such as writing an article for the newspaper, speaking at a chapel, visiting someone, or getting a haircut. Our appointment calendar is important. Well, God’s

calendar was very important to Him. Of course, He does not literally have a calendar in Heaven that He looks at but according to His eternal purpose He declared when Christ should be born. "For unto you is born this day." God the Father had an appointment for His Son's arrival on earth.

Galatians 4:4-5 explains the timing in this way: "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

In this verse we have, in a few words, a marvelous statement as to the deity and humanity of the Savior. The fact that "God sent forth his Son" refers to His eternal existence (Micah 5:2). The Son was not born but sent (John 3:16). The prophecy of Isaiah 9:6 states that "a child is born" but "a son is given." However, Christ was "made of a woman" which speaks to His humanity. Jesus was "born under the law" meaning He was a Jew. Jesus kept the Law perfectly, fulfilled it (Matt. 5:17), and finally paid its curse on our behalf (Gal. 3:13).

But it all began with the perfect timing of Christ's entrance into the world. The fact that Jesus came "when fullness of the time was come" refers to the time appointed by the Heavenly Father. Again, we are reminded by this expression that God is never late! God sent His Son into this world according to His perfect timetable, perfect schedule, and perfect plan. God is never early or late! He's always right on time.

I'm so thankful that Jesus came into this world according to God's schedule in eternity past, so He could ultimately die on the cross and set us free from sin's penalty and make us His sons ("the adoption of sons"). All the enjoyments and privileges of a son in God's family belong to those who have entered by faith into the benefits of Christ's redemptive work of salvation.

"For unto you is born this day" (Luke 2:11). It's true, Jesus came into the world at the perfect time so he might ultimately bring many sons unto glory (Heb. 2:10). This is the message of Christmas! The Bible tells me so!

The Christmas hymn speaks to the subject of God's timing in sending to earth His beloved Son.

“Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.”

“For unto you is born this day.” Christmas is such a special day. Of course, no one knows the real day and year of Christ’s birth. No specific day and date is given in the Bible. We must remember there isn't a 0 on the calendar. The years go from 1 BC to 1 AD.

The Biblical details that surround Jesus’ birth are found in the Gospels. Matthew 2:1 reveals that Jesus was born during the days of Herod the king. Since Herod died in 4 B.C., we have a general idea when Christ was born. After Joseph and Mary fled to Bethlehem with Jesus, Herod ordered all the boys 2 years old and younger in that vicinity killed. This indicates that Jesus could have been as old as 2 before Herod’s death. This would place the date of His birth between 6 and 4 B.C.

Here is the point. Even though man does not know the exact day of Christ’s birth, God knew the exact time for His Son to be born. The only thing that really matters is God’s calendar. Jesus was born according to God’s schedule.

We also know that the first 'official' recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25th was in 336, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine who was the first Christian Roman Emperor. The tradition of December 25 was developed long after the New Testament period. It’s the day Christians have agreed to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but the exact day of His birth is unknown. However, there’s a strong and practical reason why Jesus might not have been born in the winter, but in the spring or the autumn! It can get very cold in the winter and it's unlikely that the shepherds would have been keeping sheep out on the hills since those hills can get quite a lot of snow sometimes!

Although we don’t know the exact timing and day of Christ’s birth, God had this day written down on His calendar long before the earth was ever created. So here

is the important thing. Christ came and was born “this day” (Luke 2:11) as the Scripture teaches with the intended purpose of making you His son and saving your soul from hell. Maybe it’s time for you receive Christ’s wonderful gift of free salvation today and be delivered from hell.

Hebrews 3:15

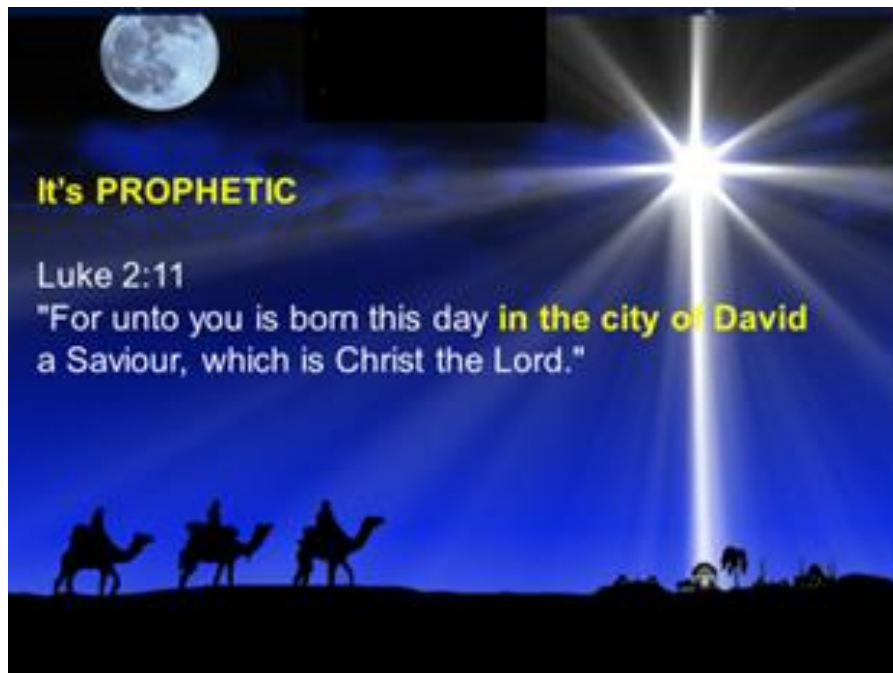
“While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.”

Today can be your day of deliverance from God’s wrath and judgment. Today can be your day of salvation! Jesus came into the world for you so He might save you! “For unto you is born this day.”

Alexander Smith said:

“Christmas is the day that holds all time together.”

Next, we find that the message of Christmas is prophetic.



The beloved Christmas hymn states:

“With the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!”

Bethlehem was called the city of David. The Bible teaches that Jesus was born in a stable on the backside of Bethlehem. The truth that Jesus would be born in an obscure place called Bethlehem was prophesied by Micah.

The prophecy of Micah 5:2 declares:

“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

Did you know that the name Ephrata is in the Bible? The other day I was talking to a lady on the phone. She was trying to pronounce the name Ephrata, so I helped her and shared with her about Bethlehem Ephrata. I happen to live in a place called Ephrata Pennsylvania. The word Ephrata actually means fruitfulness. Bethlehem Ephrata certainly was a fruitful city for it was the city where Christ was born.



Micah 5:2 reveals this: “though thou be little among the thousands of Judah.” Someone stated that “Jesus was one small child in a land of a thousand dreams!” The land of Judea had 1,000 family towns and Bethlehem was a town that was

almost too small to be included with the others. Christ's birth took place in an obscure place that became famous. To this day it is still celebrated as the place of Christ's birth.

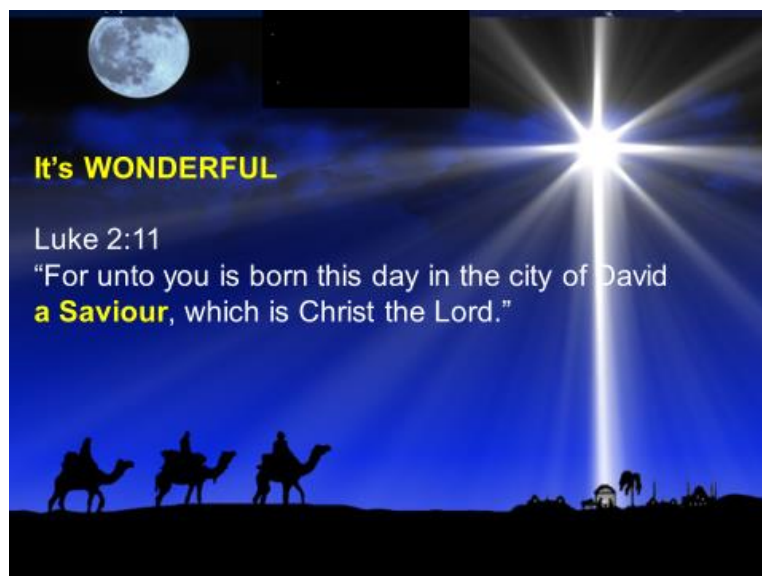
My friend, God chose a humble beginning for His Son. He was born in the small place called Bethlehem in a stable or stall where animals dwelt. His birth reminds us of Christ's great humility and willingness to follow the Father's plan for his life.

Philippians 2:8

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

From His birth to the cross, Christ humbled Himself. He did not come with fanfare but in quietness and humility. Today we look back and see how prophecy was perfectly fulfilled on this night long ago. It was a prophecy of hope for all humanity for Jesus entered the world as the Savior in this small and humble setting. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David!" This is the message of Christmas! The Bible tells me so!

"O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight."



It's WONDERFUL

Luke 2:11

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Jesus saves! This is wonderful! The fact that the baby was “a Saviour” is expressed in His name “Jesus” which means “Yahweh saves.” This is the wonder of Christmas!

Matthew 1:21 states:

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

The name “Jesus” is transliterated from the Hebrew Yeshua. This word is a combination of Ya, an abbreviation for Yahweh, the name of Israel’s God (Exodus 3:14); and the verb yasha, meaning “rescue,” “deliver,” or “save.” The English spelling of the Hebrew Yeshua is Joshua. But when translated from Hebrew into Greek, the original language of the New Testament, the name Yeshua becomes Jesus, meaning “Yahweh saves.”

We have all seen the “Jesus saves” signs that people hold up in certain gatherings and rallies across our country. Well, the fact of the matter is this – Jesus does save and He came to save you and me! This is what makes Christmas so wonderful! Jesus came to be our Savior which means He came to rescue us from the penalty that we deserved for our sins which was hell. Yes, the cute baby in the cradle would soon be the Christ of the cross!

Jesus was actually born in the shadow of the cross!



“He was born in the shadow of a tree,
Ever present was the knowledge He would be
Hanging on the tree, The tree of Calvary.”

Many people miss the true wonder and amazement of Christmas, the wonderful news that Jesus was born to be mankind's Savior. The real purpose for the birth of Jesus Christ was to bring God's Son into the world, so He might ultimately shed His precious blood and die upon the cross of Calvary, that He might become your personal Savior from hell and eternal damnation. How do I know this? The Bible tells me so!

1 Timothy 1:15

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance (*reception and approval*), that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

The true message of Christmas is not about giving to charities, it's not about giving gifts to others. It's about Christ giving to us! He came to save us from hell and Satan's power. Another beloved Christmas song clearly reveals why Christ came into the world:

"God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy."

Jesus came to be our Savior, and this is truly wonderful! He is the only Savior and the only Way to God the Father. We could never be accepted before the presence of God unless Jesus Christ came into the world to die for us, rise from the dead, and grant us the forgiveness of sins and acceptance we need before the presence of an infinitely holy, righteous, and just God.

Jesus said in John 14:6:

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Acts 4:12 declares:

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Christmas is wonderful because of the wonder and amazement of the Savior that came into the world!

“There's the wonder of sunset at evening
The wonder as sunrise I see.
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul
Is the wonder that God loves me.”



The specific titles of “Christ” and “Lord” which were connected with the name of Jesus indicate that He entered the world as God incarnate.

➤ Jesus was God the Messiah.

The title “Christ” (Christos) means anointed one. Jesus was the Messiah that was sent by God the Heavenly Father to be the Savior of the world. The prophecies of His entrance into the world reveal how the coming Christ (Messiah) would be the revelation of God’s very own being and existence. In other words, Jesus would enter the world as one of the persons of the Trinity, as a member of the Godhead. He would be God the Son.

The term “Christ” points to the deity of Jesus for the Messiah was prophesied to share the same existence with the eternal God.

Isaiah 7:14 once again reveals:

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

Matthew 1:23 confirms the prophecy about the Messiah’s entrance into the world: “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

“O Come with us abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!”

The Messiah was Immanuel. He was God incarnate and God with us. When Jesus came into the world as the Messiah, the Christ, He was indeed God in the flesh for the “Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).

“Mary did you know that your baby boy
Will give sight to a blind man?
Mary did you know that your baby boy
Will calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God.”

➤ Jesus was Lord God.

The designation or title “Lord” or kurios (“Christ the Lord” – Luke 2:11) points to how Jesus was the sovereign Master of the universe, which is another direct reference to His deity. This is because God was given this same title in the Old Testament.

Exodus 34:23

“Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel.”

Psalms 38:15

“For in thee, O Lord, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.”

Psalm 110:1

“The LORD (God the Father) said unto my Lord (God the Son), Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.”

Yes, Jesus was the Lord. He was the same Lord revealed in the Old Testament Scriptures. He shares the same existence with the “Lord” that was revealed in Old Testament revelation. He was Lord of all! He is the Lord of Glory! He is God of very God!

“Who is He in yonder stall,
At whose feet the shepherds fall?
Tis the Lord, O wondrous story! Tis the Lord, the King of glory,
At his feet we humbly fall
Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.”

Jesus was born as the Messiah, the only true God, the King of Kings, the Lord of lords, and the everlasting and eternal God!

Isaiah 9:6 prophetically declares this about Jesus:

“For unto us a child is born (*a declaration of Jesus’ humanity*), **unto us a son is given** (*a declaration of Jesus’ eternal sonship and deity*): **and the government shall be upon his shoulder:** (*a reference to the Millennial Kingdom*) **and his name** (*during the Millennium*) **shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God** (*applied to Jesus in Rev.1:18*), **The everlasting Father** (*“the father of eternity” – the term “father’ means the source or originator of earthly peace and tranquility during the Millennium*), **The Prince of Peace.”**

Notice that the prophecy declares the child that was born as the “The mighty God.” This means Jesus was God incarnate. John 1:18 says, “the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father (one with God and equal with God – sharing with the Father the same existence as God), he hath declared him.” This means that Jesus declared or exegeted God to mankind. Jesus Himself was the divine exegesis of God Himself, bringing God out into the open – His very essence, nature, and eternal being and existence. Yes, Jesus was both the Christ and Lord. He was the great “I am” revealed in Scripture.

John 8:58

“Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.”

Jesus was alluding to the title that God gave Himself in the Old Testament (Exod. 3:14; Deut. 32:39; Isa. 41:4; 43:10, 13, 25; 46:4; 48:12). Essentially “I am” means the eternally self-existent God. Unless a person believes that Jesus is God, the “I Am” of Old Testament revelation, then will die in his sins (John 8:24). But Jesus came as the “Christ,” “Lord” and the great “I am” to save mankind from hell. The fact of the matter is this, only God can save sinners!

“Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect lamb?
That sleeping child you're holding is the great I am.”

**“For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”**

Luke 2:11



This is the message of Christmas! If you miss the true message of Christmas, then you will miss the opportunity to enter Heaven someday when you die!

Christ entered this world to bridge the gap between God and man.

1 Timothy 2:5

“For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

The Lord Jesus Christ was the Godman who came to die on the cross, to pay sin's penalty in your place, to rise again the third day from the dead so you can enter Heaven and escape hell when you die. Jesus can be your Savior today if you make the choice to believe in His saving work. A Savior was born! This is the true message of Christmas! The Bible tells me so!

If you will place your faith in Christ (His death and resurrection) to save your soul from hell, then you can receive the free gift of salvation and eternal life that Jesus has promised to give you. All it takes is a step of personal faith.

Romans 6:23 states: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." When you place your faith in Jesus Christ the Lord, you receive the free gift of eternal life.

Jesus promised in John 6:47:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

If you place your faith in Christ to be your Savior, the One who was born to die upon the cross for you, the God that can only save you, then you can sing these words:



**And Man Will Live Forevermore
Because of Christmas Day**

“Hark, now hear the angels sing
A new king born today,
And man will live forevermore
Because of Christmas day.

Trumpets sound and angels sing
Listen what they say,
That Man will live forevermore
Because of Christmas day!”