

## **The Blessed Christmas Story**

### **The Birth of Jesus Christ**

**Let us praise the Lord with all our heart, with all of our soul, mind, and strength; for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus, to be our Lord, our Redeemer, our Saviour, and our eternal life.**

#### **Matthew 1:18-25**

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

20 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.

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

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 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.

24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

His name shall be Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins. A glorious miracle birth, a virgin shall bring forth a Son. This is all important, because of Adam's sin against God, in breaking God's commandment not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, he brought death upon all mankind.

Death passed upon all mankind; for all was under the penalty of sin and death. But praise God our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was not born under the sin of Adam, being born of a virgin, having no natural-biological, earthly father. Jesus did not inherit sin unto death like the rest of humanity-because He was conceived by the Holy Ghost in the womb of His mother, Mary! Jesus was born sinless, without sin.

God says in His word that the penalty for sin is death and that all mankind has sinned and must die. But because God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son Jesus, now whoever believes upon Him will not perish, but will have everlasting life.

Since our God cannot lie, He made a way that we could die out to sin without having to physically die-by sacrificing His own Son Jesus to die in our place. Since Jesus was sinless He was the only one who could die in my and your place. This is the Good News. Jesus Christ brought us salvation from death, hell and the grave, If we repent and get baptized in Jesus name, our sins are forgiven and God will fill us with His Holy Ghost which is everlasting life!

This is the Blessed Christmas Story!!

### **Luke 2:1-20**

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

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

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

This is what Christmas is truly all about----God's gift of eternal life through the birth, the life, the death and resurrection of His son Jesus.

**Jesus' Birth**-God's gift of Hope

**Jesus' Life**-God's gift of choice, to choose Jesus and life, or reject Jesus and die.

**Jesus' Death**-God's gift whereby all mankind can spiritually die out to sin.

**Jesus' Resurrection**-God's gift whereby we can receive the Holy Ghost.

Church!!!! Christmas is Jesus' Birthday.

Happy Birthday Jesus!