



"The Gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Who is Jesus Christ ?

Who is Jesus Christ and why was he born into this world?

Jesus Christ is GOD Himself, the second person of the Trinity, the Creator, "... Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending." (Revelation 1:8).

He was given special names, announced by angels, that reveal who He was and for what purpose He came into this world.

"JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins ... Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Matthew 1:21, 23, 25).



The Two 'Natures'

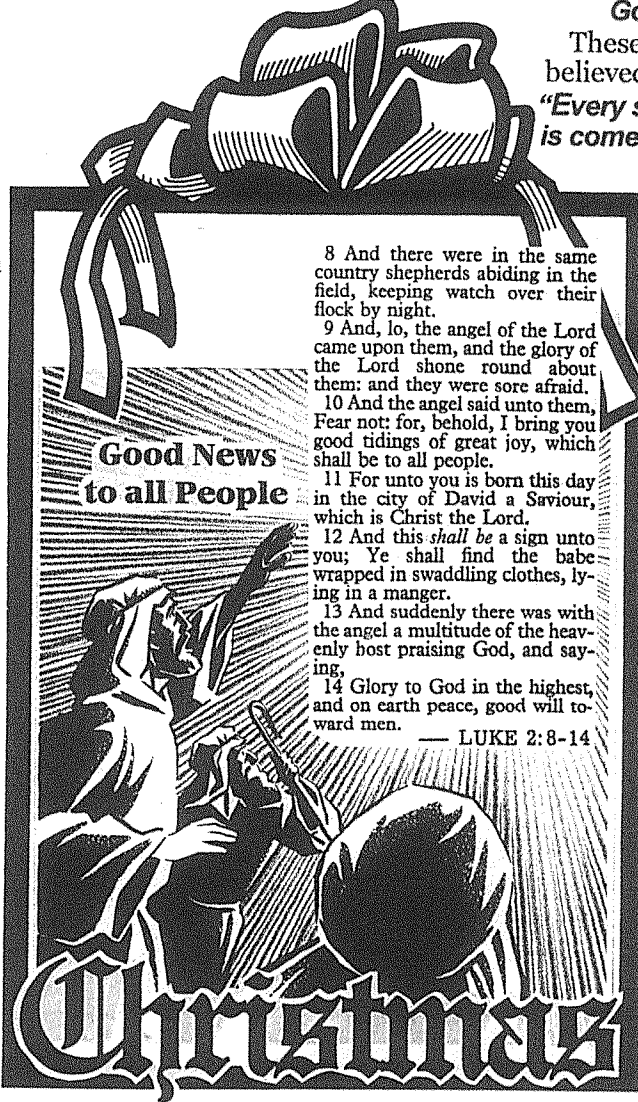
"Everyone, saved and unsaved, has an 'old' nature. It is the only one an unbeliever has. It is inherited from Adam and remains throughout life. We may call it the Adam nature, the old man, or the flesh ... Paul was referring to it when he wrote, 'For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing.'" (Romans 7:18a).

We should not look for anything good in it, and should not be disappointed when we don't find it. It is sobering to realize that each of us has a nature that is capable of any sin in the book. The Adam nature is one of the believer's three enemies, the other two being the world and the Devil. The old nature is the enemy within, the quisling or fifth columnist.

It loves to feed on what is unedifying and unclean. It accounts for man's natural bent against God. It harbors enmity against God, is not subject to the law of God, and cannot please God. The Adam nature is incurably evil. ... When a person is forbidden to do something, the old nature immediately wants to do it. The two natures may be compared to the raven and dove which Noah released from the Ark.

The old nature is what we are in Adam. The Lord Jesus died for that just as well as for sins that we have committed. All that we have said does not deny the fact that unbelievers can often be kind, compassionate, loving and generous. This behavior may be accounted for in several ways ... Whatever the source, one thing is certain. The first truly good work that any unsaved person can do is to trust in Christ (John 6:39)."

- William MacDonald, "Here's the Difference", pgs 55-57



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. — LUKE 2:8-14

WHEN THERE WERE NO TEENAGERS

"There was a time, literally, when there were no teenagers." In virtually every other culture in the history of the world prior to late 20th century Western culture, kids became adults. Not any more. Now they become teenagers or, as we call them, adolescents. Despite its rather recent history, adolescence goes largely unquestioned as a fixed stage of development. Further, the grip of adolescence continues to forcefully expand. On the front we end, we now talk about "pre-teens". On the back end, whereas 18 was once considered the end of adolescence, it is now the middle. Adolescence now refers to ages 11 to 30. Often, our approaches to youth ministry sanctify adolescence ... they instead are encouraged in their adolescent narcissism. We present a neutered Gospel, only about them and their needs, lacking vision (Proverbs 29:18).

- John Stonestreet, "Pulpit Helps", April 2009 (also quotes from "Death of the Grownup: How America's Arrested Development Threatens Western Civilization")

(Thot - "The longer you treat them as kids, the longer they'll act like kids.")

CHURCH CALENDAR

December 25th, Christmas Morning Service, 11:00 a.m. - ALL INVITED!

(Note - We also will have all our regular services on Sunday, December 24th, as usual)

Quotes

"We learn God's truth by obeying it."

"Deception is the guaranteed fate of those who do not know the Bible."

"APPLAUSE: The response to beautiful music, followed by a horrible noise."

"Focusing on problems makes a person problem-centered."

"What other people think of you is none of your business."

"The best way to know what is wrong is to know what is right!"

"A wise man does at first what a fool does at last."

"Don't stay away from church because there's too many hypocrites; there's always room for one more."

The Incarnation
Jesus Christ was born into this world to do as a man what He could not do as God

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. For what purpose were Mary and Joseph going to Jerusalem? *Luke 2:4-5*
2. Which angel announced to Mary concerning this virgin birth? *Luke 1:26-28*
3. What two descriptions did Mary use to refer to her child? *Luke 1:47*
4. What name was to be given to this child? *Matthew 1:21,25, Luke 2:21*
5. What was the reason for giving Him this name? *Matthew 1:21*
6. What other name was He given that shows He is God? *Matthew 1:23*

A Jewish Funeral Procession

"Today, when a funeral procession passes, we pull over and wait - but according to Jewish tradition, you join it. This was the situation when Jesus raised the adult son of the widow from Nain from the dead. He had compassion on her," (Luke 7:13)."

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"And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine."

- Leviticus 20:26

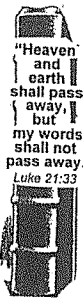
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"For the Word of God is quick, and powerful,
and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing
even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit,
and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor
of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

- Hebrews 4:12

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God,
and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"

- Ephesians 6:13, 17



**THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE
Humility**

"Neither the Romans
nor the Greeks
had a word in their
vocabulary for
Humility." - copied

Sales of Bibles
"About fifty Bibles
are sold every minute."
- copied

'Fear Not'
"There are 365
fear not verses in
the Bible. One for
every day of the year."
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"Lord"
"The word 'Lord'
appears 1855 times
in the Bible."
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NFL Arrests
"Since 2000, more than
850 NFL players have
been arrested ... some
of them convicted of
heinous crimes and
abuse against women."
- copied, Victor Hanson

Venezuela
"Venezuela, though an
oil rich country, the
average citizen is
losing 20 pounds in
weight each year
due to no food and
starvation." - copied



LIFE CHANGING CONVERSION

Noah Webster made a public profession of faith
in April 1808, together with his two oldest
daughters. It was a life-changing conversion
experience. Following is a description by Alan
Snyder, Webster's biographer: 'Webster's
conversion was the intellectual and moral watershed
of his life.'

As such, it provided him with a spiritual and
intellectual framework which extended into every
sphere of life, including perceptions of and
judgments about man, morality, government,
education, and the very purpose of being. ...
'Internal conversion results in a profound alteration
of an individual's conception of the nature of God,
man, sin, and brings a transformation in both
thought and action. ... conversion is a return to God,
a restoration of the relationship God originally had
intended to have with man, through a turning away
from sin (i.e., *rebellion against God's commands*) and
a turning to the mercies of a forgiving Father ...

Consider some details of Webster's life *prior to,*
before his conversion: He was an active church
member. From age 20 he had resolved 'to pursue a
course of virtue through life, and to perform all
moral and social duties with scrupulous exactness.'
He believed in God and was thankful to God. '... for
some years past, I have rarely cast my eyes to
heaven or plucked the fruit of my garden without
feeling emotions of gratitude and adoration.'

He believed that Christ died for man's sins, but he
also believed that good works are necessary for
salvation. He doubted some doctrines of the Bible,
being that religion should conform to man's reason
and if something wasn't 'reasonable,' it could be
rejected. He believed that one should not be
passionate about religion.

When the Second Great Awakening first came to
his town, he was opposed. 'I felt some opposition to
these meetings, being apprehensive that they would
be affecting the passions too strongly, introduce an
enthusiasm or fanaticism which might be
considered as real religion.' - copied

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- Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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'Holding Grudges'

"GRUDGE NOT *one against another, brethren,*
lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge
standeth before the door." - James 5:9

"A strong feeling of resentment or malice held
against someone: unforgiving; ill will ...
a reason, cause or pretext for this: malice"
You don't hold grudges, they hold you!

"Christianity is distinguished from paganism
by representing God as appeasing His own
wrath and satisfying His own justice
by the putting forth of His own Love."

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*We're still working on adding
and changing a few things,
but I'm sure you'll find it
helpful and encouraging.
Be sure to let others know !*

