**Series:** The Birth of Christ (12/1/19)

<u>Title</u>: Christmas Past <u>Text</u>: (Is 7:14) The World Forgets/Ignorant of the significance of this Birth.\

### I. <u>The Promises of Christ</u>:

(Gen 3:15) <u>Heel Bruise is not fatal, Temp Victory of Satan</u> <u>Head Bruise is Final Victory of Christ</u>: (Rom 16:20) Promise of Victory to Us. Heel Past - Head Future Victory.

(Rom 5:12-19) **1st Adam** - Representative of all Mankind Adam is our Representative Head. (United with Adam) When he sinned, we sinned.

(Rom 5:12)

(Rom 5:18a & 19a)

(Vs 18a) by the offence of one judgment came upon all men(Vs 19a) by one man's disobedience many were made sinnersConsequently: I am a Sinner: (Ps 51:5)We came into this world united with Adam:

(Eph 2:1-3) describes all of us before Salvation. Spiritually Dead Slaves to Sin: (World, Devil, Fleshly Passions) Objects of God's Wrath: (Jn 3:18,36) (1 Cor 15:22) "As In Adam,

### **Christmas is a Jewish Story**

(Gen 12:1-3) **Abraham** - Representative of all who believe. "Father of us all" (Rom 4:16) (Gal 3:8, 16) Promise Fulfilled in Christ

## (Gal 3:9,14,29) We partake of Abraham's Promise

(1 Cor 15:45) "First Adam" vs "Last Adam"

(Matt 1:18-25) **2nd Adam**: Representative of the Saved. (Vs 22-23) Fulfilled in Christ. (Vs 23) Reveals His Deity.

I was represented by Adam at Birth. I am represented by Christ at the New Birth. I was in a Spiritually Dead Union with Adam at Birth.

### II. The Prophecies of Christ:

<u>A Sign Granted</u>: (Is 7:14) *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign;* 

<u>A Son Given</u>: (Is 9:6) (Is 11:1-2)

Miraculous Birth: (Luke 1:26-33)

**Supernatural Birth** - Virgin Birth (Luke 1:34-56) (Is 7:14) Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,

Named By God: (Is 7:14) Emmanuel (Lk 1:31)(Lk 2:21) Jesus~ God is Salvation Christ~ the Annointed One Messiah of the OT: (Mk 14:61-62) (Jn 4:25-26) "Am He"

(Is 9:6)*Mighty God*: The One whom the Heavens cannot contain, yet limited Himself to the form of a little baby. (1 Kings 8:27)

#### The Infinite God became an INFANT!

Man could not come to God because of our sin. God, in Christ, came to man, that He might bring sinful man to God by the act of redemption.

# III. <u>The Rejection of Christ</u>:

He was Promised. He was Prophecied about: (Is 7:14) (Micah 5:2) He Came unto His Own, but was Rejected (John 1:11) (Lk 19:14)

Through their Rejection of Christ, God turned to us. God turned to the Gentiles: (Acts 13:46-47)

# IV. The Present of Christ: (Rom 5:18b & 19b)

(vs 18b) "even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

<u>Universal Condemnation</u>: (Vs 18a) "All men" <u>Universal offer of Salvation</u>: (Vs 18b) 2nd "All Men" One act of righteousness leads to justification of all men.

(Vs 19a) *"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners,"* Universal Condemnation.

(Vs 19b) "so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

(Vs18-19) The 1st All & Many refer to all humanity suffered the consequences of Adam's sin.

The 2nd "All" & "Many" refer only to those who trust in Christ as "*In Him*".

(2 Cor 5:21) "made the righteousness of God in him."

Salvation Conditional on being "*In Christ*". (Eph 2:13-17) (Heb 2:9) *Taste death for every man*. In (Deut 28) Moses lays out 2 Alternatives: (Deut 28:1-14) Tremendous Blessings b/c of Obedience. (Deut 28:15-45) Horrible Curses b/c of Disobedience.

By Christ's perfect life, He earned the blessings of God. By Christ's death on Calvary He experienced the curse.

As Our Representative, all that he did accrues to our benefit. Christ assumed our responsibility to Obey God's Law. Christ assumed our penalty for disobeying God's Law.

## The real Question is not...

Where was He Born? When was He Born? How He was Born?

## Real Question is "Do you Know Why He Was Born?"

Child Who Would Die for the Sins of the World

(An Eternal Purpose) (Matt 1:21) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Luke 19:10)

Son who will return as the King of Kings: (1 Tim 6:14-16) Certainly we are nearer the Second Coming of Christ than ever before.

How Near? We Do Not Know, but it is very evident that His coming again is near.