

A Saviour, Christ the Lord

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD GOD announced the birth of A Saviour to shepherds outside Bethlehem 2000 years ago. He said that the Saviour's birth was a reason for great joy to world and all of its people. Since the beginning of history—when sin first entered the world people have died in their sin. Since then mankind waited for the promise of the coming of a **Saviour** to save mankind from sin and its mortal consequence. The One True God promised that one born of a woman's seed would defeat Satan, judging him for his part in bringing death to mankind. (**Genesis 3:15**)

The answer to that promise began with a baby born of a virgin whose name was called "Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins" **Matthew 1:21**. Jesus was this baby born in Bethlehem who has become the **Saviour** of all who trust in Him. He is the promised Messiah called the Christ sent from Jehovah God. Jesus left heaven's glory and took on himself our weak human flesh and became one of us. He did this so that He could bring us salvation from sin, and give us eternal life. This would deliver us from the eternal damnation of death.

The angel's announcement was meant to

bring "joy to all people"—not just to the shepherds that heard the angel's voice, but to all the world. Jesus Christ did not come to save only a certain group, or class, or nation of people. He came to provide and offer salvation to the entire human race.

After the angel's announced Joy to the World, a great number of heavens angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Even when people who weren't Jews heard Jesus, they said: "for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. **John 4:42**

THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF HUMANITY PROVEN THE NEED FOR A SAVIOUR.

Mankind is full of sin; evil is all around us and if we are honest we know that there is also sin in every one of our hearts. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. **Romans 3:23**

The bible declares that we all need a **Saviour**. We are all sinners and none of us is any better in that respect than any other person.

Romans 3:9-12 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. And generation after generation has died in their sin without hope of eternal life.

James 1:15 Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Every individual needs a **Saviour**. An eternity after this life without hope is dark, lonely and dreadful. This is exactly why Jesus was born on that first Christmas day to bring eternal life of joy to every man, woman, boy and girl!

NO ONE WAS ABLE TO TAKE AWAY SIN

and set man free from its consequences, until Jesus was born. He came to earth to be the Lamb of God. **John 1:29**. Jesus is the only One who can say, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. **John 14:6**. Jesus is the Saviour.

Jesus was born miraculously without a human father. Jesus proceeded from God, His Father into the seed in the womb of a young blessed virgin named Mary.

John 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Listen to what Mary, Jesus' mother said about Jesus: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour" **Luke 1:46,47**.

Jesus came to us through God's loving grace. He was born of a virgin, and He was totally without the sinful nature of fallen man. Had Jesus not been crucified, He would never have died of natural causes. Jesus alone of all mankind has no sinful nature in His flesh or body. Your body and mine will have to be changed if we are ever to become sinless and immortal. And Jesus will do just that for you when He appears again. But only if He becomes your **Saviour**!

(**1 Corinthians 15:51-54**)

JESUS WAS BORN WITHOUT SIN, then lived a sinless life. He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15. This is why Jesus can be our **Saviour**. This is what makes Him able to save us from our sin!

Jesus our **Saviour** had no sin that could keep Him from heaven. As God's Son, Jesus became a man and as a man still had perfect fellowship with His Father in heaven just as Adam and Eve did before they had sinned.

John 10:15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down

my life for the sheep.

And so, Jesus as a sinless human man is able to bring us to His Father and can give us forgiveness from our sin. He can do this because He paid the penalty for our sin and died in our place at Calvary. God, His Father fully accepted Jesus' sacrifice for sin and He raised Jesus from death. Jesus our **Saviour** is now seated at His Father's right hand until He comes again for us.

Though Jesus has done the saving work to save us from sin and death, not all people are saved. Many reject Him. They decide they love their sin and will not repent. Others try to save themselves through good works that they think will merit God's salvation. Others refuse to believe that death without Christ leaves them eternally lost in hell's damnation.

ONLY BY TRUSTING JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR OWN PERSONAL SAVIOUR

can you be saved. Jesus can deliver you from your own personal sin problem and give you a new eternal life. This means you must change your mind and heart about Jesus and call upon Him to save you.

This babe born in Bethlehem came to be the **Saviour** and bring **joy to the world** and all people. But this joy will only be yours when you turn from your life that is dead in sin and **trust Jesus as your own Saviour, for a new eternal life.**

"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." **John 3:16**



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:8-11



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