

# THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Introduction - Christmas is the birthday of Christ

## I. The Importance of His birth

- A. of primary importance among all earthly events
- B. People attach great importance to trivial things
- C. Caesar's Palace seemed to be more important to the world than Bethlehem's manger.
- D. His birth was unnoticed except by a few shepherds and wise men

## II. The Time of His birth

- A. Galatians 4:4. "When the fullness of time was come God sent forth his Son." "made of a woman"
- B. He was born at a time when Jews were ready for a Savior, when Roman roads were spanning the lands, and the Greek language was an international language for missionaries to proclaim the good tidings of great joy.

## III. The Place of His Birth

- A. In a manger - shows the bond of sympathy between Him and the multitude whose condition is one of struggles, hardships, poverty, and anxieties.
- B. No room for Him in the inn
  - 1. We may take this term as an emblem of the ungodly
  - 2. Represents public opinion; general conversation
  - 3. an emblem of the worldly heart.
- C. Have you room in your soul for Christ?
  - 1. Don't say, "I have room, but I am not worthy."
  - 2. Don't say, "I hope I shall have room for Him." (Now)

## IV. THE MANNER of His Birth

- A. Unique - no other birth like it
- B. Marvelous - seed of the woman only
- C. Divine - the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit
- D. Mysterious - uniting of the Eternal Son with the human nature - Isaiah 9:6

## IV. The PURPOSE of His Birth

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- A. God became man to reveal Himself to men
- B. Moravian missionary to West Indies became a slave
- C. Jesus came to be a SAVIOR. Luke 2:11

1. Not a temporal savior - but a Savior from sin.
2. His name means Savior - Mt. 1:21
3. He is a personal savior - "unto you"

It is wonderful to hear good tidings for all thy rest in the world, but it is much better to have a personal share in the benefits of these good tidings.

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## NOTES --- "THE BIRTH OF CHRIST"

Could it be possible for anyone to choose to be born?  
"Impossible", you say.  
Yes, it is impossible for all but one. Jesus alone could choose this, for He is God.

He chose His mother and His place and time of birth.

He chose to be born by a miracle--the miracle of God being born with a human body as an infant.

He chose to be born when He knew that this birth would lead to an horrible death.

This glorious incarnation of Christ marks a turning point in human history. Here we have God the Father giving the gift of His own Son because He loved us. Here we have the Son, with no regard for His own concerns, but compelled by a compassionate concern for our need, leaving Heaven's glory and taking upon Himself the humiliation of the human body, even the body of a baby.

Let us look upon the little village of Bethlehem, nestling in its quiet seclusion like some land-locked harbor away from the storms of the wild oceans, where a busy population has finally been nursed to rest. All is quiet; but listen! There is heard the wail of an infant from a neighboring cattle barn. A queenly star, unseen before, does sentinel duty over the spot. Angelic legions are on the wing--- and the skies resound with a new anthem from Heaven.

It was the low cry of one who  
in Eternity rested motherless upon the  
father's bosom,  
and now in Time rested fatherless  
upon a mother's bosom.  
The Ancient of Days  
had become the Infant of Days.

The shepherds saw a stable in the suburbs  
of the poorest town in Judea.  
There God hung the morning star of hope --  
a herald of the highest day that ever dawned.  
Beneath that wretched roof,  
so small He was held in a woman's two hands,  
so weak He must feed at a woman's breast,  
was God's only-begotten and well-beloved Son.  
"Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining,  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall."

But that infant is destined to wear the  
diadem of the universe.  
That dimpled arm will sustain a sinking world.  
That child, the sovereign Savior of the world,  
will lead captivity captive,  
will conquer death,  
will despoil Hell of its hopes,  
and re-open the gates of Paradise.

Though you cannot choose to be Born  
physically, you can and ought to choose to be  
born again spiritually.  
This is done by receiving this Christ  
as your personal Savior and God.