

EMMANUEL

Text: Matthew 1:18-25

Introduction:

1. Christmas is not the birthday of Jesus.
2. However, there are lessons to be learned from His birth.
3. His name is important to understand...

- I. Jesus – the Savior (Matthew 1:21)
 - A. The name “Jesus” literally means, “Jehovah is salvation” or “God saves.”
 1. It is the Greek form of the Hebrew name “Joshua” or “Jeshua.”
 2. This is a contraction of “Jehoshua” which means “help of Jehovah” or “savior.”
 3. Joshua led the children of Israel in taking the Promised Land.
 4. Joshua served as High Priest after the return from captivity (Zechariah 3:1-9).
 5. Yet, neither Joshua provided true rest (Hebrews 4:8).
 - B. Thus, the name “Jesus” identifies Him as the Savior (Matthew 1:21).
 1. As prophesied (Zechariah 9:9)
 2. As preached (John 1:29; 10:15; 11:49-52; Matthew 20:28)
 3. As procured (Matthew 26:28; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 Peter 2:24)
 4. As propagated (Acts 4:12; 5:31; 13:23, 38-39; Titus 2:14)
 - C. Because Jesus is Savior, the Christian’s relationship to Him is that of a sinner saved by grace and forgiven by love (Ephesians 2:8-10).
- II. Immanuel – God with Us (Matthew 1:23)
 - A. Comfort during the dark days of Ahaz (Isaiah 7)
 - B. God had often promised to be with His people.
 - C. This was a promise of the incarnation! (John 1:1-14; Romans 1:3-4; 9:5; 1 Corinthians 15:47; Galatians 4:4; Philippians 2:6-8; Hebrews 2:11-17).
 - D. This was the plan of God, not the wisdom of man (1 John 4:1-3).
 - E. Jesus, the Savior, allows God to be with us (cf. Matthew 28:20; Acts 18:9-10; 2 Timothy 4:17, 22; Hebrews 13:5-6).
- III. Christ – the Anointed (Matthew 1:18)
 - A. The word “Christ” means “anointed.”
 1. It is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for “Messiah.”
 2. Jesus is God’s anointed Messiah (John 1:41; Acts 4:27; 10:38).
 - B. As God’s anointed, Jesus filled all necessary roles to be both Messiah and Savior.
 - C. He was God’s anointed prophet (cf. 1 Kings 19:6; Psalm 105:15).
 1. He was a forth-teller (Matthew 7:29; Luke 4:22; John 7:46).
 2. He was a foreteller (Matthew 24; etc.).
 3. Thus, the Christian is to believe and obey His word (Hebrews 5:9).
 - D. He was God’s anointed priest (cf. Exodus 29:29).
 1. He offered the sacrifice for sin (Hebrews 5:1-6).
 2. He intercedes on behalf of man (Hebrews 7:25-28).

3. Thus, the Christian is to depend upon His blood for salvation.
- E. He was God's anointed king (cf. 1 Samuel 10:1; 2 Samuel 1:14).
1. He is King of the Jews (Matthew 2:2).
 2. He is King of the Gentiles (Acts 17:7).
 3. He is King of the kingdom [church] (Ephesians 5:5; Col. 1:13).
 4. He is King of kings (1 Timothy 6:13-16; Revelation 17:14; 19:16).
 5. Thus, the Christian is to submit completely to His authority.

Conclusion:

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas Angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.