⁴³But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

"And the gospel must first be published among all nations" (St. Mark 13:10).





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The Gospel Spreading Church's motto is "Go. Teach. Spread. Love."

St. Matthew 28:18-19 (KJV)

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

St. Matthew 22:37-39 (KJV)

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

We celebrated our Centennial Anniversary in August 2019. It was a wonderful, grand spiritual worship experience that we will never forget. We are so thankful to our Heavenly Father for leading and empowering us to labor for and with Him for almost 102 years.

Our God has truly been faithful to us throughout these years. We are now in our 102nd year.

The last two years since our centennial anniversary have been very challenging as our country has gone through the COVID-19 pandemic. We quickly adhered to state and local guidelines and closed our church edifices to in person worship. We planned and implemented virtual worship services for our local churches with the leading and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. God blessed our virtual worship services and extended our ministry through them. Now our local churches are reopening to in person worship one by one. We are excited about the possibilities of what God is planning to do in and through us.

Through His providence and grace, God raised up Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux and his wife, Mrs. Mary Eliza, to be the founders of our church organization in 1919. Elder Michaux established our first church in Newport News, VA on November 22, 1919.

Since then, God has blessed us for almost 102 years to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thousands of men, women and children have given their lives to Christ through this ministry. The Gospel Spreading Church of God is neither dormant nor sleeping. To the glory of God, we are alive and well. If we become discouraged, we will look up to God, back over our past and remember how God has graciously blessed us, then move forward. We know God is with us daily. With God, nothing is impossible!



If you can't do as much as the other fellow does for God, you can encourage the other fellow.

The devil and everyone who follows him is God's enemy.

Faith in God brings peace of mind.

If you go down, go down with faith and you will get up with victory.

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What a family! God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, and you---all one!

We err in seeking the favor of men rather than the favor of God.

As long as you keep your mind on God, you will feel all right.

You can't satisfy the flesh. You've got to control it.

Pastor Michael A. Clayton, Sr. Bishop and Presiding Elder Gospel Spreading Church



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Follow men who follow God. When they step out of line, you keep on following God.

If the devil can get you off the right track on anything, he will make a fool of you.

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We have a sure foundation in the Lord.

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It is wonderful to have a friend to whom you can go for help without having to make an appointment.

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The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

If Christ Was Not Conceived By A Virgin, The Bible Is Just Another Book

Good folks, at present, there is quite a controversy going on about the prophecy which foretells of the birth of the greatest character the world has ever known, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Those translators who are responsible for the newly revised translation of the Bible, contend that the original translation (Isaiah 7:14), which states that Jesus would be born of a virgin, is in error. They say the correct translation states that a young woman, not a virgin, but a young woman would conceive and bare a son. These modern copyists would have you believe that Jesus may have been born of a young woman who was virtuous unto her husband, or He might have come into existence out of the highest moral standards the world has ever known, but they do not want to accept the fact that Jesus was born of a virgin.

The publication of this newly revised translation of the Bible has created quite an issue because it differs so much from the Authorized or King James and other accepted Bibles. This new and revised edition states that Jesus was born of a young woman. Now I'm not arguing that point! A young woman can be a virgin, and then again a young woman can be a harlot. But listen, Jesus, the Son of God, without any question, came here as an exceptional character, ordained of God to be born of a young woman, but the young woman was a virgin. No other man born after the flesh can make that claim.

The 14th verse of the 7th Chapter of Isaiah is the passage of Scripture that the new translators of the Holy-writ claim to be in error in its interpretation. Isaiah 7:14 reads as follows: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign;" Notice! The new writers do not question this part of Isaiah's statement as translated and recorded in the Bible; for this makes us to know that the Lord shall give you a sign. Read. ". .Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bare a son," Now, they do question the fact that the woman which conceived and bore Jesus as being a virgin. This modern group of translators say that the Hebrew word "almah" means a young woman and not necessarily a virgin. They are no more willing to accept the fact that Jesus was born of a virgin, than they would expect you to accept any other mother of this day-in-time as being a virgin who might conceive and bring forth a child. They won't come right out in the open and say she was not a virgin, and neither do they want you to accept the young woman as being a virgin. So, they contend that the translation is not "virgin" but rather a young woman. But listen! The Prophet Isaiah began by calling your attention to the fact that God was going to give you a sign. God was going to do a work. God was going to perform a miracle. There would be no sign given nor would it have been considered anything out of the ordinary, and certainly not anything unusual, for a young woman to give birth to a child if she had been touched by a man, conceived and then delivered. But if she was a virgin, had never known a man, I mean, if no man had ever touched her and yet she conceived



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux, founder, Church of God

and bore a son, then that's a sign. Isaiah not only prophesied that this miraculous conception would come to pass, but he also said that this particular son should have a name. Read: **"Therefore the LORD himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**"

The word "Immanuel" being interpreted means "God with us." God! No one is questioning that portion of the translation concerning His name. But the devil is a trickster. He knows that if he can discredit the name, get it out of the minds of people that the mother of Jesus was a virgin when she conceived the Lord Christ, he can get rid of the name of the Savior as being Immanuel (God with us). If you want to split an old tough log, one that is extremely difficult to break, you first drive in one wedge and then another, and still another until the log cracks open. So, the devil is striving to place a wedge between "Immanuel" and the sign. And if he can succeed in getting rid of the woman, the mother of Jesus, as being a virgin, he knows that he can get rid of Christ as being Immanuel, the Son of God. But to me, the text shall remain as it was spoken by the Prophet: ". .Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bare a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." He is God with me! A sign was given, a virgin conceived, and an unusual child was born. Now Christians, you can become as modernistic as you please, you can even become wise in your own conceit, you can wrest (pull and twist) with the Scriptures or be unreasonable and let those men whose minds are warped (not in accord with the Spirit of God), because of their desire to be gods of the world, cause you to lose your understanding. And if you do, one morning you'll be driven from the presence of the Almighty God because you would not believe the testimony of the prophets, the apostles, the angels and even God Himself who freely gave His Son Jesus.

River of Jordan, Jesus came to John to be baptized. And as He came up out of the water, a voice was heard from heaven to say - **"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased**." I'm satisfied with Jesus! Therefore, I am not going to let anyone destroy my faith by establishing another faith, a dual faith. You can't understand anything that is double and yet credited as being equal. Surely a young woman can be credited as being a virgin; then again, she can be just as equally credited as not being virtuous.

There were Jews back in the days, before the coming of Christ, who believed the prophet that a young woman, who was a virgin, should conceive, for that's an unusual thing. There were many who didn't believe the prophet, but their disbelief could not stop the Word of God from being fulfilled when the time came. For when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, there were many who believed that He was their promised leader.

The Wise Men came from the east unto Jerusalem for their Lord and King. They had searched the Holy-writ and found out that the prophet had prophesied that, when the child, the promised Messiah was born, a certain strange star would appear as a sign. And being men of science, as astronomers, they had studied the elements and knew all about the many stars and lights that shown in the heavens. So, when this unusual star appeared in the spot wherein the prophet had prophesied it would, they looked at one another and said that this is His Star, let us go and find the young child and worship Him.

Following the star as a guide, the Wise Men came to Jerusalem and there inquired of King Herod if he had heard any news concerning the birth of an unusual child, one who was born King of the Jews, for they wanted to know where the young child might be found. Now when the King heard these sayings, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. Fearing the loss of his kingdom, Herod called in the Chief Priests and all the scribes, the doctors of the law, and demanded of them where Christ should be born. "And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not thou the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people, Israel." It was King Herod's plan to find the young child and then slay Him because he didn't intend to let any other king rule beside himself. Herod, speaking privily to the Wise Men, told them that he had not received any news concerning the birth nor the whereabouts of this new king, but that they should go and search diligently for him, and to come back and let him know, that he might come and worship Him, too. As the Wise Men left the King's palace, they noticed that this particular star they had followed all the way to Jerusalem began to move again, so they followed it. And this time it came and stood directly

The Scriptures bear out the fact that Christ is the Son of God because on one occasion, as John was baptizing in the

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The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find "Chapter" and "Verse" the indicated beside the "Book".

2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.

3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.

4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.

5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.

6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a

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YES, HE BECAME FLESH

We have entered the time known as Christmas. This season is that period of each year when the name of "Christ" is celebrated in many places all over the world.

While "December 25th" continues to be disputed as the historical day of Jesus' birth, many believers agree that "He was "Born"! Hallelujah! The controversy regarding whether He was or is God (Jesus Christ) is debated in many Theological Faiths, beliefs and Doctrines.

Theology, the study of God in a rational interpretation of religious faith, practice, and experience, attempts to explain the birth of Christ. However, the Bible does so in a direct, simple manner.

We must examine the following questions:

(1) Did Jesus Christ become a man? (2) For what purpose did He become a part of mankind? (3) Was He and is He Divine in His nature?

There are other questions on this matter that could be asked, but we believe these three are essential to answering, and stating that He became a human being.

Using the Bible as the basis for our examination of the questions and relying largely on the gospels (defined as the "good news to mankind), we state the case that He became flesh.

Who is this Jesus Who walked upon the earth and found favor with both God and man? We must first look at the origin of man. In Genesis, a Bible book of Scriptures which means origins, the Hebrew title is derived from the very first words, translated "IN the beginning". Genesis 1:26 reads, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." God wanted a family, so He created man, and, then from man, a woman. He named them, Adam and Eve. In Genesis 2:7, we find how God formed man from the dust, breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and man became a living being. We would suggest that the reader of this message review chapters 1, 2, and 3 of Genesis for details of the initial creation account and the downfall of mankind.

In the following notations, we will summarize the Bible's account of the fall of Adam and Eve. In Genesis 2:8 we are told, "And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed." The word Eden can be literally defined as "paradise". Adam and his wife Eve had everything they needed to live in that place.

As in this life, we live daily with ordinances, codes, and regulations governing what we should or should not do. They are to some extent a reflection of God's Do's and Don'ts for our lives.

However, God's commandments are for the purpose of preventing harm to us, and not to suppress us for His benefit. In that beautiful place called Eden, we are told that Adam and his wife Eve had every tree in the garden that was not only good to see with the eyes, but also good as a source of food (See Genesis 2:9-15). God also commanded the couple not to eat of a particular tree! Genesis 2:17 says, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." This commandment was direct and simple. The death to which the Lord referred was not only physical, but also spiritual. To violate this commandment was to suffer the physical death of their bodies as well as the spiritual death of their soul and spirit.

From the beginning of mankind, Satan was around. The devil was and continues to be the opposer of all that God is, and that God does. By deception and lying, he caused the keepers of the garden, Adam and Eve, to question the truthfulness of God's commandment against eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The serpent, interpreted snake, was more subtle, crafty, and cunning than any other beast of the field. He caused the couple, and specifically, Adam, to disbelieve God! In essence, the couple's action constituted sin against God! In other words, they were guilty of breaking the commandment not to eat of the forbidden tree.

Man fell from the grace of God. The sin of Adam who was the seed of mankind caused his descendants to be tainted with sin. Romans 5:18: "Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

What was the gift, and how was it given?

God devised and formulated a plan by which man could be rescued. Why? The reason is that "... the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Down through the ages there had to be at some point in time, a reconciliation between man and God, or else because of man's sin there had to be an eternal separation of mankind from God. God's requirement, then, was that all of mankind's sins, past, present, and future would be borne by that man.

Also, that man had to be perfect. Well, there are no perfect men or women. We can recall what David, King of Israel said in Psalms 51:5: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Humanity did not qualify, nor did angels, holy or unholy, nor any other creature in creation.

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Glory to God! He sent God, in the person of Jesus Christ, wrapped in "Human Looking Flesh" as a sacrifice for the sins of the world! St. John 1:1: "IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "The Word of God" is one of the many titles that Jesus has, even as the "Son of God" is also one of His titles. St. John 1:14: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

There are many, many other historical facts that support the reality of the life of the God Man called Jesus. As He lived and came to the earth, He walked among men and women.

He died a cruel death for you, for me, and for all of humanity. Why? Because "... God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"(St. John 3:16).

The reader of this message can have assurance that there is One Who loved humanity so much that He put aside, though temporarily, many of His attributes to become flesh, a man, to walk among us. Finally, Jesus Christ was born to die for our sins. He has truly provided a "Merry Christmas for us! To God be the Glory! God Bless You!

Alphonso Holt., Interim Pastor Church of God Newport News, VA



Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Birth and Childhood of Jesus

JOSEPH'S VISION (St. Matthew 1:18-25)

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS."

BIRTH OF JESUS

St. Luke 2:1-7

"AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."



Mrs. Mary E. Michaux, co-founder, Church of God

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. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned,

be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

THE VISIT OF THE SHEPHERDS St. Luke 2:8-20

"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

glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

JESUS CIRCUMCISED AND NAMED St. Matthew 1:25; St. Luke 2:21

"And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS". "And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb."

THE INFANT JESUS IN THE TEMPLE St. Luke 2:22-38

"And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall

May God bless you is my prayer.



CORRECTION

There was a mistake in the printing of the article titled "*God Is Calling America To Repent In Sackcloth and Ashes That The Heathen May Not Rule Over Her*" page 1 and 2 of the November 2021 issue of Happynews. The article by Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux was incomplete and printed another writers article on page 2. The Happy News would like to apologize for this error and let you know the reprint is in the December 2021 issue on page 6 and 7 (below).

God Is Calling America To Repent In Sackcloth and Ashes That The Heathen May Not Rule Over Her

God called Nineveh to repent through Jonah. The king repented and Nineveh was saved.

My good folks, this broadcast is sent to you that it might revive you and lift your mind above the temptations and the toils of a sin-cursed world. Our objective is to propel your spirit into the presence of Almighty God. We make God's Word the foundation of this broadcast. We do not just talk at random. We desire that our every word is inspired of the Lord.

You'll find that if you will watch what we say here, you'll see that our utterances will come to pass and will confirm the evidence that we are inspired of the Lord. Every word spoken from this pulpit is based upon what God Almighty has spoken through His prophets to the nations. Prophetic utterances of God's servants have come to pass, and <u>whatever shall be spoken</u> in the same spirit in our day and generation shall come to pass as well.

I want to remind you that it was one year ago on Thanksgiving Day (1961), a day of feasting in America, that God commanded me to call this country to fast and humble itself lest it be reproached by the heathen. My precious ones, God, commanded the seven Churches of God over which I am overseer, to clothe themselves in sackcloth, put ashes on themselves and to picket the great Christian Churches here in the Nation's Capital. We called Christians to repent. We invited President Kennedy to join the Fast as the King of Nineveh did when God sent the Prophet Jonah to warn him that his great city would fall if the inhabitants did not repent.

My precious ones, as a Prophet of God, Jonah told the King of Nineveh that God was going to overthrow Nineveh and humble it in the dust of the earth because of the great sins of its people (see Jonah 3:6). America is a great country that has been blessed by God, but its people have exalted themselves, and feel they are the greatest nation on earth. But may I tell you that <u>there is nobody great but God</u>, and there is no man who is indispensable, no matter what position he may hold. Man is still small unless he recognizes that God is all powerful.

In recognizing that fact, we have failed. Yes, we have great Cathedrals, great congregations, and great temples in which we meet to worship, professing to be followers of the doctrines of Jesus Christ, yet we hate one another and are so divided until we can't worship together. Names are given for division, and we have so many different names until the poor sinner doesn't know which name is right. Therefore, following God's command, we picketed some great shrines in the Nation's Capital. We commanded them under the influence of the Holy Spirit of God, to repent.

It was an act of God just as it was when God commanded Nineveh to repent. They followed the words of warning from the Prophet Jonah and the result of their obedience is found in God's Word. Remember that the Bible is the record of the acts of God and men. It tells what happened to men who followed God's commandments.

<u>What God did yesterday, He does today and what He does today, He'll do tomorrow because God doesn't change</u>. Here is the record found in Jonah 3:1-10: **"AND the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,"** ... The first time God called to Jonah, he tried to get away and not go, but God called him the second time because He never destroys an individual or a nation unless He first warns them. So, when God called Jonah the second time, He said, **"Arise, go into Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.**

So, Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey. and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

"So, the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

"For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

"And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything: let them not feed, nor drink water:

"But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

"Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

"And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them, and he did it not." God commanded me to call a solemn assembly and sanctify the people in the Church of God. I invited President John Kennedy to join us in the fast. I also sent him a garment of sackcloth and some ashes. My precious ones, God has promised that He will deal with any nation or people who exalt themselves, have a form of Him, deny His power and don't obey Him. Yes, great temples, cathedrals and churches are built and many church members are doing everything the devil would have them do not living according to the commandments of God, drinking, lying, stealing, fornicating. God is sick of it. Unless they turn from their evil, God is going to let them be overcome by the heathen.

I speak as a voice, <u>not</u> as a man! God commanded me to gather the seven Churches of God of America. Approximately five hundred of us met here in Washington, DC dressed in sackcloth and ashes. We picketed the Catholic Shrine and the Washington Cathedral. Congregations claim to be following Christ, but don't worship together.

I warned the nation that unless they sanctified a fast, and called a solemn assembly, people who don't recognize the God of Heaven would come in and rule over us. This was an order from God, not from me. Joel 2:15-18, 28-29: **"Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly.**

"Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

"Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

"Then will the LORD be jealous for his land and pity his people.

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

"And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit."

This Book, the Bible is right! The Prophet is telling you what the condition is and I shall endeavor to make you know and understand that God is calling another fast which shall be great condemnation if you fail to follow. You've got to hear the voice of God through His Prophet and repent! And as we cry "**REPENT**" as Jonah did, God will save you in the day of vengeance. When people who profess to be following God, don't obey Him and become stumbling blocks to the heathen, the Lord will let the heathen correct them. Those who will be corrected, will be saved from the wrath of God.

God Is Calling America To Repent In Sackcloth and Ashes That The Heathen May Not Rule Over Her

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I told the people that if they failed to hear the Prophet, that America would be reproached by the heathen. I also said, if the words I speak don't come to pass, I am not a prophet. They did come to pass, and we have been reproached. God's Word cannot be broken.

I am saying to you who have a knowledge of God and a desire to be like Him, let Him be your guide; depend upon Him; He is always on time, and you don't have to worry if your heart is right. No matter what may befall the nation, God will take care of His people. Daniel 12:1: **"AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."** That time is here! Note the statement made by President Kennedy at the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast which is in accord with the prophecy of Daniel concerning this day in which we live. *"The problems we face are complex; the pressures are immense, and both the perils and the opportunities are greater than any nation ever faced."* Never before in the history of the world have nations been in such trouble as they are now. It's all because their wisdom has advanced them to the point where they are about to destroy themselves, but God will deliver His people. May God bless you. Amen.

If Christ Was Not Conceived By A Virgin, The Bible Is Just Another Book

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over a stable. The Wise Men, looking at one another, said that this must be the place where the young child can be found, let us inquire. There in the stable they saw their newborn King, Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

It was then that the Spirit of the Lord came upon Joseph and Mary, and they bore witness that this was He who was spoken of by the Prophet Isaiah that a virgin should conceive, bring forth a son and His name should be called "Emmanuel," being interpreted "God with us" (St. Matthew 1:23). They bore witness to the Scripture that Mary, who was espoused to Joseph, had never been touched. The Wise Men fell down on their knees and there worshiped the Son of God, and also presented Him with many different, precious gifts.

Now King Herod was a deceiver, and as the Wise Men considered returning to him, God sent an angel and warned them not to return unto Herod, but to go on their way rejoicing. The devil is a deceiver, who is much worse than old King Herod, and that old "no-account rascal" has not stopped trying to destroy Christ by keeping Him out of the minds of the people. Christ is a panacea for every illness or sickness. He is our Hope! He is our strength! He is the life of all those who believe in Him.

Good folks don't be deceived. An unusual thing was done in Bethlehem of Judaea! The baby that was born, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger by a woman who had never been touched by a man, is the One and only begotten Son of God. No matter what the doubters may say, never mind the disputers, pay no attention to the modernist preacher who wants to change the effect of God's eternal truth. The Word of God will stand when they are dead and rotting in their graves. Yes! the truth and Word of God will abide forever. The Scriptures say that both heaven and earth shall pass away, but God's Word. . .GOD'S WORD. . .shall not pass away no matter how you try to change the effect of it (See St. Matthew 5:18).

Truly, the word "almah" in Hebrew might mean "a young woman," but if God gave us a sign, something unusual, it had to be that it was a virgin which conceived and bore the only begotten Son of God. No matter what you say, the prophet has sanctioned the fact that a virgin would conceive, by making you to know that this would be done as a sign, and that's not all. He also makes us to know that a name would be involved. You can try to rub out the "virgin" but the sign and name stand. "Emmanuel" is with us!

If the statement made by these new translators of this new issue of the Bible is not in error, all the statements that Joseph made about the angel appearing unto him in a dream and making him to know that because he had found Mary to be with child, he, Joseph, should not fear to take her unto himself, for that which she conceived was of the Holy Ghost. If you listen to these translators all that is just poppycock. But God has always dealt with His servants by warning them through visions and dreams. Therefore, I want you to notice the context I'm using in support of the text, "**A Virgin Shall Conceive**".

I'm using as a context, the 13th Verse of the First Chapter of St. John, which reads as follows: **"Which was born, not of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man**, ..." Listen! Jesus was not born of blood, but of the Spirit of the Almighty God. He was not born because some man willed that He should be born, but born of the Word of God. And the Word of God is God! For in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

If you'll notice in St. Matthew 1:21, the story is related by Joseph, the godfather of Jesus Christ. And if this is not true, you might as well stop talking about the Christian faith. If the folks who were inspired of God to speak, if the folks who were chosen to write for the Holy Scriptures, came not by the will of man, but holy men spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Men may have written the Bible in its original language, but God did the dictating. All the agnostics, all the infidels, all the atheists that might try to rub it out will come and go, but God's Word is going to stand. It says here, as Joseph was speaking concerning the birth of Christ, read: (St Matthew 1:18) "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick **example**, " Now Joseph was not willing to make Mary a public example by putting her away because he had found her to be with child. Read: "was minded to put her away privily." Joseph was trying to figure out a way in his mind just how he could put her away and at the same time keep it from being known just why he elected to do so. "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream,..." All the while Joseph laid upon his bed meditating upon this, Joseph fell asleep. And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream. "saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." All right now! All right now! If what Isaiah said is not true, then this is not true either. Now what did the angel say? Read! "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Hallelujah! The devil doesn't like it because this was to be a man, a Godly man, with power from God to remit sin. "Now all this was done," Now listen to me carefully! All this was done by God, the sending of the angel to Joseph, that what? "... that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the Prophet saying, behold, a virgin shall be with child," A v-i-r-g-i-n, a virgin, a virgin shall be with child. And she shall do what? Read! "...and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (St. Matthew 1:23). The devil doesn't want God to be with us, he wants to make Jesus just an ordinary man, or a great prophet, or a worker of wonders, but Satan doesn't want Christ to be known as the Son of God. The Holy Ghost told Joseph that it was the fulfillment of the prophesy spoken by Isaiah. Now if you are not going to believe that which Isaiah said is true, you throw away your new Testament. Don't accept any of it, because the entire new testament and everything in it is built around Jesus Christ. It's built around Christ. Everything, from Matthew to Revelation is built around Jesus Christ being the Son of God and born of a virgin.

If what Isaiah said about a virgin conceiving is not true, then Mary's own testimony, found in St. Luke the First Chapter and reading from the 46th to the 55th verse, is nothing but mockery. Brothers and Sisters, be not deceived, for God is not mocked. When the church

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Gospel News and Views

Calling All Youth

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee."

(Isaiah 54:13,14)



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MEMORY VERSE

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn (St. Luke 2: 7)."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"...Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen" (St. Matthew 6:9-13).

LET US PRAY THIS PRAYER AT NOON

"...Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God" (Joel 2:17b)?

COMMANDMENT SECTION

"If ye love me, keep my commandments" (St. John 14:15).

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Joy to the World Words by Isaac Watts Music by George Frideric Handel

Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.



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Sunday School Lessons for the Month of December

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Sister Rhoda Holt. She serves as the Teacher of the Youth Sunday School Class, Newport News, Virginia Church of God.



LESSON 49 – December 5, 2021 **SUBJECT:** Sorrow Before Triumph

GOLDEN TEXT: "Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her" (St. Matthew 26:13).

PRINTED TEXT: St. Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

²⁰ But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

St. John 12:1-8 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

² There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

³ Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

⁴ Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

⁵ Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

⁶This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

⁷ Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

⁸For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

LESSON DISCUSSION

An agreement had been made for Joseph and Mary to be married, but the Holy Ghost did something amazing before their wedding day. When He appeared to Mary, He told her she would give birth to the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

When Joseph learned that Mary was pregnant, he thought she had been unfaithful to him. Being a just man, Joseph wanted to cancel the wedding privately so Mary would not be stoned to death. While he was having these thoughts, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for He shall save his people from their sins" (St. Matthew 1:20, 21).

given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

St. John 12;12-16 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

¹³Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

¹⁴And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

¹⁵Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. ¹⁶ These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was

glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In the Old Testament, the Prophet Isaiah gave a clue about Jesus' earthly parents being descendants of King David. He said, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

However, when Jesus came to earth in the New Testament, He fulfilled God's promise about the coming King and Savior. People saw Jesus' miracles: opening blind eyes. healing the sick, raising the dead. There was no doubt that Jesus was the Promised Son of God!

After performing these miracles, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a young donkey, (as prophesied in Zechariah 9:9). Jesus presented Himself to the people of Israel as their promised King (Messiah). He knew the crowds would turn against Him in a few days when He would give His life for the sins of the world!

As He rode through the streets sitting on the foal of an ass, the crowds shouted "Hosanna!". They waved Palm branches which the Israelites thought represented "Triumph!" and "Victory!"

The disciples did not understand these things at first. However, after Jesus died, rose from the grave, and went to heaven, they clearly understood.

> LESSON 51 – December 19, 2021 **SUBJECT:** A Mission from Birth

GOLDEN TEXT: "A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." (St. Luke 2:32).

PRINTED TEXT: St. Luke 2:25-35 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

²⁶ And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

²⁷ And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

²⁸ Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

²⁹Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

³⁰ For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

³¹Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

Then Jesus, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead, was at a supper that his sister Martha served. Lazarus and Jesus were at the table together.

Lazarus' other sister, Mary, took a pound of very costly ointment and anointed Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair. The smell of the ointment filled the house.

Judas Iscariot, Jesus' disciple who kept their money, asked why wasn't this expensive ointment sold and the money given to the poor? However, Judas said these things because he was a thief. Jesus told him, "Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always" (St. John 12:7,8).

> **LESSON 50** – December 12, 2021 **SUBJECT:** A King Comes Forth

GOLDEN TEXT: "Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord." (St. John 12:13).

PRINTED TEXT: Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is

³² A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

³³ And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

³⁴ And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

³⁵ (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

St. John 12:23-26 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

²⁵He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

²⁶ If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Jesus didn't have to figure out what His future would be like. He knew that God planned before the creation of the world to save His people from their sins (See Revelation 13:8). He knew He was born to die. God wants to save us from sin and its eternal punishment! When Jesus came to earth, our salvation was His mission. He came to be our Savior!

Simeon wanted to be assured that the Messiah had come to earth before he died. When Mary and Joseph took Jesus as a baby to the temple in Jerusalem for priest Simeon to do for him after the custom of the law, the Holy Spirit revealed to him that Jesus was the Messiah. Simeon blessed the baby Jesus and praised God for keeping him alive to see the Messiah before dying.

Mary and Joseph were amazed at all the things Simeon said about their baby Jesus! Simeon said Jesus would cause both the fall and rise of many in Israel. In other words, some people would accept Jesus as Savior, while others would not.

Mary also received painful news from Simeon. A pain would go through her soul like a sword. This prophecy spoke of the awful sorrow Mary would feel years later as Jesus was giving His life on the cross!

After coming to earth as a baby, Jesus grew up to become a man. Nothing about His appearance made Him any different from other Jewish man. However, Jesus is fully God and fully man. Therefore, Jesus was the only person who could have carried out His Father's mission to save us.

Jesus' love for us was shown when He died for us on the cross! He gave the greatest gift we could ever receive! We receive God's gift of forgiveness and salvation when we trust His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. For the rest of our earthly lives, we can then live with the purpose of pleasing Him!

LESSON 52 – December 26, 2021 SUBJECT: A Humble Lord Is Born

GOLDEN TEXT: "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7).

PRINTED TEXT: Philippians 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

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ANSWWERS TO NOVEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- In what was Timothy called to be strong? (He was called to be strong in the grace that is in Jesus Christ - II Timothy 2:1).
- 2. Who gives us understanding in all things? (The Lord II Timothy 2:7).
- What was Timothy to remember about Jesus Christ? (He was to remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead - II Timothy 2:8).
- 4. What are we to shun for they will increase more ungodliness? (We are to shun profane and vain babblings II Timothy 2:16).
- 5. What are three qualities of an honorable vessel for God? (The qualities are (1) sanctification, (2) being useful to God, and (3) being prepared for the ministry - II Timothy 2:20-21).
- 6. We are to flee youthful lusts and pursue what good things?

⁸ And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

⁹Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

¹¹ And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

St. John 13:12-17 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? ¹³ Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

¹⁵For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

¹⁶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

¹⁷ If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Jesus did not come to earth because He had to or because He needed to. He came to earth because He loves us so much and wants to be our Savior. He wants us to trust Him for the forgiveness of our sins.

Even though Jesus is fully God, He was willing to be treated like a terrible criminal and to die on the cross to save us!

Jesus honored His Heavenly Father in His life on earth and with His death on the cross. Jesus lived a sinless life. With His resurrection, He defeated death. He now lives forever as both God and man. God has honored Jesus by giving Him a special name that is above every name!

In Bible times, washing guests' feet was usually a job for lowly servants. But Jesus performed this task. He girded Himself with a towel and washed the feet of His disciples, giving yet another example of His Humility before He died and was resurrected! Jesus came as a servant and was willing to make the greatest sacrifice because of His Love for us!

- 6. God hath spoken <u>once</u>; <u>twice</u> have I heard this; that <u>power</u> belongeth unto <u>God</u> (Psalm 62:11).
- 7. Also unto <u>thee</u>, O Lord, belongeth <u>mercy</u>: for thou <u>renderest</u> to every man according to his <u>work</u> (Psalm 62:12).

DECEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- 1. For the purpose of taxation, who did God use to call for a census?
- 2. Who traveled to their city to be taxed?
- 3. Where was Jesus born?
- 4. How did the shepherds initially respond to the angel's appearance?
- 5. What titles did the angel use to describe the newborn Jesus?
- 6. What sign did the angel give the shepherds?

(We are to pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart - II Timothy 2:22).

7. Why should we avoid quarrels about doctrine? (Quarrels about doctrine should be avoided because they gender strife. Arguments about foolish questions have no value - II Timothy 2:23).

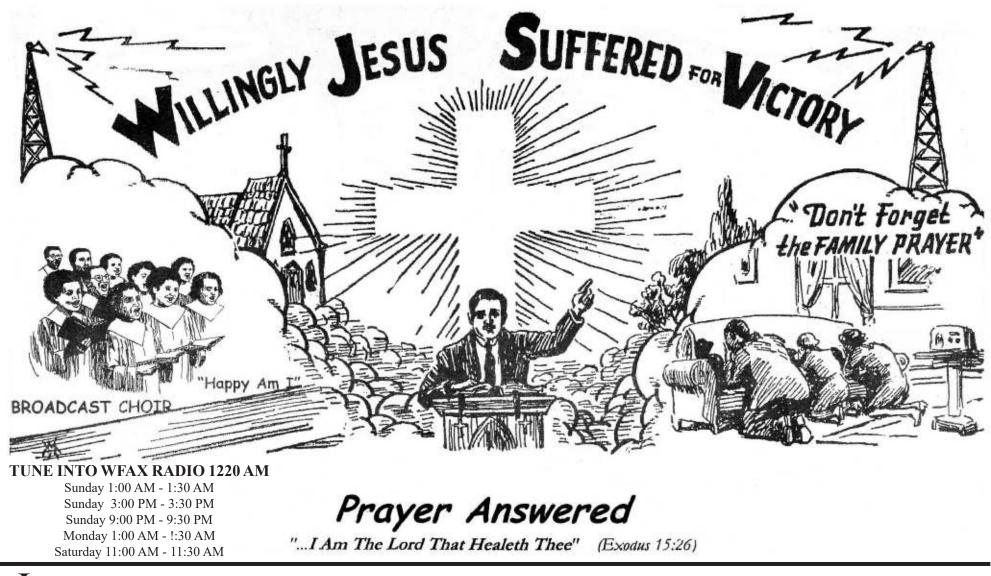
ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

- 1. TRULY my <u>soul</u> waiteth upon <u>God</u>: from him cometh my <u>salvation</u> (Psalm 62:1).
- He only is my <u>rock</u> and my <u>salvation</u>; he is my <u>defence</u>; I shall not be greatly <u>moved</u> (Psalm 62:2).
- 3. My soul, <u>wait</u> thou only upon <u>God</u>; for my <u>expectation</u> is from <u>him</u> (Psalm 62:5).
- 4. In God is my <u>salvation</u> and my <u>glory</u>: the <u>rock</u> of my <u>strength</u>, and my <u>refuge</u>, is in God (Psalm 62:7).
- Trust in <u>him</u> at all times; ye people, <u>pour</u> out your <u>heart</u> before him: God is a <u>refuge</u> for us (Psalm 62:8).

7. What were the words of praise by the angel and heavenly host?

DECEMBER FILL IN THE BLANKS

- 1. In the beginning was the _____, and the _____ was with God, and the _____ was God.
- 2. The _____ was in the _____ with God.
- 3. All _____ were made by _____; and without _____ was not any thing _____ that was _____.
- 4. In him was _____; and the _____ was the _____ of men.
- 5. And the ______ shineth in _____; and the ______ comprehended it not.
- 6. He was in the _____, and the _____ was made by him, and the _____ knew him not.
- 7. And the _____ was made _____, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his _____, the _____ as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of _____ and _____ (St. John 1:14).



If Christ Was Not Conceived By A Virgin, The Bible Is Just Another Book

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rises up and attempts to destroy its own foundation, which is Christ Jesus, look out for Mr. Stalin! Consider the Jews, their fore parents rejected Jesus Christ. You know the story, and it was not until here of late that, by Divine Providence, the Jews again became a nation and were given Palestine. They were a people without a home, just vagabonds. Christ, speaking of the Jews said, "*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem how often would I have gathered you as a hen gathers her brood, but you would not, so your house is left unto you desolate.*"(See St. Luke 13:34). And I'm saying to you today, if you begin playing around with God's Word, you'll destroy your own foundation.

If what Isaiah said is not true, then these words are mockery which were spoken by Mary in St. Luke First Chapter, reading from the 26th verse to the 35th verse inclusive. Read: "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph," I do not argue that she was not a young woman, but I also say that she was a virgin. I say that because the Spirit of the Lord confirms it.

The angel was sent to a virgin, read! "To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary." If you are not going to accept what Isaiah said, let's throw this away too, rub this out. I know you might say that because of the mistranslation. This incorrect interpretation had been handed down all through the years, and it just suited somebody's convenience of establishing their own way of thinking. But I'm going to let God's Word be true and all men who say anything different be a liar. Jesus was conceived of a virgin and all the demons out of hell can't change it. And the virgin's name was Mary. Read: "And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying," Mary didn't understand what he was talking about. She had never seen this man before, for the angel Gabriel looked just like a natural man. And Mary thought to herself, read: "…and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

All the kingdoms, since Christ came, have come and gone in some manner or way, but the Kingdom of Jesus still stands. Read on: "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" Seeing that I know not a man, no man has ever touched me, said Mary. How can I bear a child? How can I bring forth? What are you talking about, sir? Now listen! "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore, also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

Yes! Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth and good will toward all men. Jesus was born of a virgin. Glory to God, Amen!

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