

## ~Christmas Message~

The Seed of Eternal Life

Lets start today by reading [Galatians 4:1-7](#).

This Bible is the written record of the plan of redemption for mankind. It is the plan of redemption to save us and redeem us from eternal damnation as a result of sin. And the entire book focuses on one Man, the Man Jesus Christ.

I want you to think about those words, the Man Jesus Christ. This is incomprehensible. The fact that the Creator of the universe, Jesus Christ, who is God, would become a man to save us from our sin. And He is not a man temporarily. No, Jesus became a man and will remain a man forever, and He willingly chose this so that the Father could have His family reconciled to Him.

Christmas is the celebration of the manifestation of Eternal Life, [1 John 1:1-2](#). This is the story of Christmas, the story of Jesus becoming a man to save us from our sins. But this story didn't start at His birth, it didn't start at the miraculous conception, and it didn't even start when Isaiah prophesied that the Christ would be born of a virgin, Isaiah 7:14. It started before the foundation of the world and was manifested in these last times for you, 1 Peter 1:20. And this manifestation of His Son came at the perfect time, at the fullness of time, established by the Father, predestined from the before the world began. Go back to Galatians chapter 4. Christmas is a celebration of that fullness of time when the Father sent His Son to us as our Savior. But why did He have to come? Why do we need a Savior? Look at [Galatians 4:3-5](#) again. Because we were in bondage to sin...

God wanted an eternal family who would freely choose Him and love Him, so He created mankind. But in order for us to freely choose Him, He had to create us with free will. And He knew that if he did, the free will of mankind would result in sin and disobedience.

God created Adam and Eve and God gave Adam dominion over this creation. But because of free-will, not long after the creation, they were tempted of the devil, and they sinned against God. This is called original sin and as a result of this sin, Adam made himself a slave to sin and handed his authority over to his new master, Satan. The entire creation including mankind, fell and was tainted with death. Mankind had separated himself from God through sin and because of our fallen state, there was nothing we could do on our own to reconcile ourselves back with God, Gen 3:16-19; Romans 5:14-19; 8:19-22. We needed a Savior to redeem us from the bondage of sin and only the perfect blood of God could pay the price for sin. This is why God had to be incarnate in human flesh, because the only acceptable payment for sin, was the perfect and precious blood of Jesus. 1 John 3:8- *"...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."* How did Jesus do this? Through His death on the cross, Hebrews 2:14. By being the Propitiation for our sins, [1 John 4:9-10](#). This is why Jesus came to this world as a man, to pay the debt of sin with His own blood and proclaim this message of Everlasting Life. *"for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life"*, John 3:16.

So the plan of redemption is that God would become flesh and redeem us with His precious blood, but the only way for a man to be born into this world is through the womb of a woman, but the seed of man is corrupted by sin. This world is tainted with sin, so how can God legally come into this fallen world to save us, without Himself being corrupted by sin? Jesus had to come through a different Seed. One that is incorruptible. What is the incorruptible Seed of God? It is the Word of God, the Logos. This is the story of Christmas. The story of *Immanuel*, that is God with us, to redeem us from our sin and bring us back into reconciliation with the Father.

The path of our redemption is the path of the Seed, it is the path of His Word being made manifest. And the Bible gives us a written record of the Seed, the Logos, that became flesh and dwelt among us to give us Life. And we can track this Seed all through the ages, from the beginning of time even unto the forever.

- The earliest promise of the Seed is in Genesis 3:15. Immediately after the original sin of Adam and Eve, while God is still delivering the curse, He gives the first promise of the Messiah. This shows God is right there immediately to give us hope for redemption. God gives us the hope of the Seed, [Genesis 3:15](#).
  - The Seed that would crush the serpent

- Here we find that this Seed is one person, that will come through the woman.
- Then the promise of the Seed moves to Abraham
  - God made a covenant with Abraham and promised that *“In your Seed all nations will be blessed”*, Genesis 22:18.
    - And we know from Genesis 3:15 this Seed is a person, “He will crush your head...”, and Paul clarifies who this Seed is in Galatians 3:16- *Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.*
- As time progressed, it became known that the coming Messiah, the Seed would come through the tribe of Judah, Genesis 49:10 LXX; 1 Chronicles 28:4
- Then the Law was brought forth through Moses
  - The purpose of the Law was not to make man righteous through the Law, but to establish the requirements for Jesus to fulfill as our Savior.
    - The Law of Redemption was established, Ruth 2:20; Deut 25:5
    - All the sacrifices foreshadow Jesus’ as our Propitiation, Lev 15:15-16; 17:11; 23:5, 12; Deut 16:16; 21:23
    - The office of the High Priest is established foreshadowing Jesus, Lev 5:6; 16:2, 15-16; Heb 9:11-15; 10:12
  - All the requirements of the Law point toward the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- Then the Seed is specifically prophesied through the loins of David- eternal throne
  - Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:10 Psalm 45:6-7; Daniel 2:44; 9:24-26;
- The Seed is promised through Solomon- eternal throne, eternal house, 2 Samuel 7:12-14
  - builds a house foreshadowing the house of Christ, 1 Chronicles 17:11-14; Ephesians 2:19-22
- The Prophets prophesied concerning the Messiah...
  - Isaiah said the Messiah would be born of a virgin – Immanuel, God with us, Is 7:14
  - Born in Bethlehem, Micah 5:2
  - Be called a Nazarene, Isaiah 11:1
  - Bring light to Galilee, Isaiah 9:1-2
  - His hands pierced, Zech 12:10
  - Messiah would suffer, Daniel 9:24-26; Isaiah 53; Psalm 22

This entire time, God had been planting His Seed, establishing His Seed by the Word of God preparing His Word to be made flesh. Then, at the fullness of time, after 4,000 years, the angel Gabriel came to Mary to deliver this seed by the Word of God.

Luke 1:26–38-<sup>26</sup> *Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” <sup>29</sup> But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. <sup>30</sup> Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” <sup>34</sup> Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?” <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For with God nothing will be impossible.” <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! *Let it be to me according to your word.*”*

When Mary received this Word, this Seed, she conceived, not by the seed of corruptible man, but by the Holy Spirit, through the incorruptible Seed of God, which is His Word. The statement. *“Let it be...”* is the word, ginomai, γίνομαι,

comes from the same root word that we see in genealogies. “BEGOTTEN” as in... Abraham begot Isaac... Isaac begot Jacob... So when Mary says, “**Let it be**, ginomai, γίνομαι, *to me according to your word.*” She is saying, “your Word is begotten in me. Let it be begotten in me according to your Word.” The Seed, who is Jesus Christ, who is the Word of God, was begotten in Mary when she believed and accepted the Word into her heart. The promise of the Seed had now become flesh, John 1:14, and at this moment, something extraordinary happened... God became a man... and forever to stay a man.

After Mary conceived, the angel spoke to Joseph...

Matthew 1:18–25-<sup>18</sup> *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.* <sup>19</sup> *Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.* <sup>20</sup> *But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.”* <sup>21</sup> **And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.** <sup>22</sup> *So all this was that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:* <sup>23</sup> **“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,”** *which is translated, “God with us.”* <sup>24</sup> *Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,* <sup>25</sup> *and did not know her till she had brought forth her **firstborn**, prototokos, πρωτότοκος<sup>1</sup>, Son. And he called His name JESUS.*

Luke 2:7–14-<sup>7</sup> *And she brought forth her **firstborn** Son, prototokos, πρωτότοκος, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.* <sup>8</sup> *Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.* <sup>9</sup> *And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.* <sup>10</sup> *Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.”* <sup>11</sup> **For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.** <sup>12</sup> *And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”* <sup>13</sup> *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:* <sup>14</sup> **“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”**

The birth of Jesus marks 4,000 years from the fall, to God’s perfect Seed manifested in the flesh. This is the appointed time by the Father, the fullness of time. But the story of the Seed doesn’t stop there. The Seed is the hope of our Salvation. Romans 8:29 tells us that Jesus is “*the firstborn, prototokos, πρωτότοκος, among many brethren.*” Jesus is the Son to make many sons. Our redemption is in the Seed. This is why Jesus came. That we might be rescued from the bondage of sin and that we might become the “*many brethren*” with Christ. That we might be children of God.

This is all made possible because Jesus emptied Himself, became a man, and gave His precious blood to be the final sacrifice, the Propitiation for the whole world, **Philippians 2:5-11**. Jesus emptied Himself; was born as the incorruptible Seed made flesh; became the Propitiation and died for our sins; and He was resurrected and exalted to be our Eternal High Priest.

Jesus was born into this world through the incorruptible Seed. And it is through this incorruptible Seed that we now are born again, born from above, and redeemed from the bondage of sin and given everlasting life through His blood, **1 Peter 1:18-23**. The incorruptible Seed IS the Son to make many sons of God through Christ by His blood, **Galatians 4:3–7**. A Son to make many sons of God.

This is the story of Christmas, the story of the incorruptible, eternal Seed of God that was manifested to us to give us new life in Christ Jesus. And all those who receive Jesus, receive His Seed and have everlasting life with Him.

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<sup>1</sup> prototokos, πρωτότοκος, is a critical word describing the preeminence or superiority of Jesus Christ.