

The Promise to Save Sinners!

— THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS! —

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MAN'S PLIGHT

1. Mankind has many amazing achievements in modern history, what is one problem that Man has not yet solved with modern technology:

- Phone scams
- Space Travel
- Curing Infectious Diseases
- Faster Internet Speeds
- Death

2. Refer to Romans 5:12 and Psalm 51:5, what is the plight of man?

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:

Psalm 51:5

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me:

3. Fill in the blanks below.

From Romans 5:12,
what is the consequence of sin?

SIN → _____

If sin entered into the world, and
death was the consequence of
it, how then can Man remove
death?

NO
SIN → _____

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4. Fill in the passage below using the appropriate words. Helping words are found in the box below.

sin | God | death | born | Man | save | human

Just as it was not in Man's ability to be b ___ without sin, it is not in Man's ability to s ___ himself from sin. No one can save Man.

Man needs divine help to remove ____. Only ___ can help Man.

Man cannot save himself. Man needs God to save him: to remove sin and find a way to conquer d ____.

Yet, the help must involve a ____, because the problem lies with mankind. The help cannot come from an animal nor an angel because Man is neither an angel nor an animal. We need a _____ to attend to Man's problem.

So we need someone who is both God and Man to save us!

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

1. That someone was planned by God! His Son, _____ is the perfect solution to Man's plight!

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that,
while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Even before we were born (even before the world was created!) God had a loving plan to save Man. None of us asked to be saved. None of us created this plan. None of us achieved this great salvation plan. What was the plan? Jesus _____ for our sins. Jesus is G __, and he is s _____ (without sin), p _____, and He did not need to die. But he died for us!

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2. Why did Jesus die? Because....

- He was sinful, so Jesus died as a consequence of His own sins.
- He willingly died on behalf of us, although He did not have to die. Man was supposed to die. Jesus died on behalf of us.

3. Read the following verse:

2 Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

This verse tells us that we benefited from the death of Jesus. Jesus died so that we could receive something. What was it?

The R _____ of God!

Righteousness is the opposite of sinfulness. It simply means doing r _____, and not sin. By believing in Jesus' death for you, you have God's righteousness given to you. God's righteousness is i _____ on you. God sees Jesus' righteousness on you, and not your own sin!

4. Read the following verse:

Hebrews 9:28a

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many;

We can summarise God's plan of salvation by saying that Jesus died for us:

- (i) on _____ of us
- (ii) for our _____.

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GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Christmas is when Christians remember how God's plan of salvation took its shape and form on earth.

5. During this season, we remember God's love for Man in sending His Son, Jesus Christ who:

- Appeared all of a sudden!
- Descend gloriously with angels
- Came to earth as a human baby

This is why Christians love Christmas! Christ's birth fulfilled God's plan and promise to send a Saviour to save man from Sins, which Scripture records as Prophecies.

6. Why do Christians love Christmas?

- Christmas Ham
- Christmas Log Cake
- Christmas Parties
- Christmas Presents
- Christmas Holidays
- Christmas Discounts and Sales
- Christ Came to the World to Save Sinners

RECORDED AS PROPHECIES

Prophecies are words that promise Christ's coming. Prophecies are also events and actions which point toward the works of Christ.

7. Can you write down some examples of prophecies in Scripture?

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SIGN: VIRGIN BIRTH

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

8. Of all the babies who were born in Israel about 2020 years ago, how would the people know that Jesus was the promised Saviour of the World? A special sign was needed! God said that the sign would be that Jesus' birth will be a _____ birth!
9. In the passage below,
- (i) underline the Isaiah's prophecy
 - (ii) circle the meaning of Emmanuel
 - (iii) highlight the meaning of Jesus
 - (iv) box up the name of the virgin whom God chose to give birth to Jesus

Isaiah 7:14

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. ²² Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

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Luke 2:11 For unto
you is born this day in
the city of David
a *Saviour*, which is
Christ the Lord.

Matthew 1:9-10
When they had heard the king, they
departed; and, lo, *the star*, which
they saw in the east, went before
them, till it came and stood
over where the young
child was. When they
saw the star, they
rejoiced with exceeding
great joy.

Luke 2:10 And the angel
said unto them, Fear not:
for, behold, I bring you
*good tidings of
great joy*, which
shall be to all
people.

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin
shall be with child, and shall
bring forth a son, and they
shall call his name
Emmanuel, which
being interpreted is,
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shall bring forth a son,
and thou shalt call his
name *Jesus*:
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their sins.

Glory to God
in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men.

Luke 2:14