

The How of Christmas

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I. Introduction

- A. How did God (and why not Adam) fix the problem?
 - 1. Adam and Eve created in Genesis 3:1-7
- B. Sin, unlike the most contagious diseases, infects everyone. – Romans 5:12, 17
- C. We are a people who love heroes-saviors. Patrick Mahomes III, Superman and countless other heroes.
- D. All of the above have limitations and weaknesses. Jesus has none! – Luke 1:37, 18:27

II. How God Fixed the Problem

- A. Genesis 3:15 is our first picture of how our God would fix the problem
 - 1. Remember, it is a disease that all of us have. It knows no discrimination.
 - 2. It is not curable by human means. i.e., church membership, good works, and self-reform.
- B. The offended one becomes the reconciler.
- C. The reconciler must be:
 - 1. A man (the seed of a woman)
 - a. Genesis 3:15; Romans 5:15-19; Galatians 4:4
 - 2. A Jewish man
 - a. Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:16
 - 3. A Jewish man of the tribe of Judah
 - a. Genesis 49:10
 - 4. A Jewish man of the house of David
 - a. II Samuel 7
 - 5. He will be born of a virgin
 - a. Isaiah 7:14
 - b. “The virgin birth is a mere trifle for God; that God should become man is a greater miracle.” – Martin Luther
 - 6. This child will be God in human flesh
 - a. Isaiah 9:6, 7
 - 7. He will be born in Bethlehem
 - a. Micah 5:2, 3
 - 8. He will be born to die
 - a. Isaiah 53

D. A closer look at His birth

- 1. The problem
 - a. How to get the eternal Son into human flesh without sin?
- 2. We have already seen from Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 1 that it was to be a virgin birth
- 3. John tells us of His preexistence
 - a. John 1:1-3; 14-18
- 4. Paul speaks of His humility to be born as a child
 - a. Philippians 2:5-11
- 5. Luke tells of Mary’s role and reaction to God’s plan
 - a. Luke 1:26-37
- 6. The plan comes to pass
 - a. Luke 2:1-20

III. Two Questions

- A. Have you accepted this gift of eternal life and Christ in you?
 - 1. I Corinthians 9:15
- B. If yes, will you tell others?
 - 1. II Corinthians 5:18-21

