

## CHRISTMAS: THE CELEBRATION OF JESUS!

### 1. The Celebration of Jesus begins by **knowing** that He is truly the Promised Messiah.

#### Matthew 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: . . .

#### 2 Samuel 7:12

“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

#### Genesis 12

**2** “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; **and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**”

### 2. You can truly experience the celebration of Jesus when you respond to the truth of **His holiness** with repentance toward God and faith in Him. *Matthew 9:4-13*

#### Matthew 1

**16** And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. **17** So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. **18** 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.**

#### Matthew 9

**2** Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus **saw their faith**, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; **your sins are forgiven you.**” **3** And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!”

#### Acts 20:20

“. . . how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, **21** testifying to **Jews**, and also to Greeks, **repentance** toward God and **faith** toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”

#### Luke 5:29

Then Levi gave Him a **great** feast in his own house.

#### Matthew 9

**12** When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **13** But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ **For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.**”

#### Matthew 1

**3** Judah begot Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. **4** Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. **5** Salmon begot Boaz by **Rahab**, Boaz begot Obed by **Ruth**, Obed begot Jesse, **6** and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by **her who had been the wife of Uriah.**

#### Romans 10

**5** For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” **6** But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down from above) **7** or, “ ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). **8** But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **11** For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. **13** For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”