

Christmas The Announcement

Text: Isaiah 7:14; Matt.1:21-23; Lk.2:11.

Introduction: There is great climate change, more violent weather. There's concern regarding the ozone and theory about global warming. Plagues (COVID-19), shootings, homicides and tragic deaths of little children are increasing. The announcement at the first Christmas changed the possibilities for the world. This Christmas we need to repeat loudly the same announcement; God has given the answer to our troubled world.

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (Isa. 7:14 NKJ)

- The name *Immanuel* means "God with us" and indicates the divinity of Jesus.
1. The promise—Savior—Matt.1:21; Lk. 2:11.
 2. The purpose—Save from sins—Matt.1:21.
 - Save: To rescue from danger or destruction.
 - Sins: To miss the mark, to miss or wander from the path of right behavior and honor, to do or go wrong.
 - Source of sins (plural) is sin (singular)—when Adam and Eve got "off the mark" or "off target" in relationship with God by disobedience-Ro.5:12, 19, (Gen.3). It refers to broken relationship. It's the source of sins (plural).
 3. The Person—Jesus Christ—Matt. 1:21; "Who is the Lord."—Lk 2:11, (The only One).
 - Redemption is in place for creature and creation—Ro.8:18-21.

As many as received Him was given legal right to become...same today.

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