



All Is Bright!

Date: December 18th, 2022

Text: Matthew 1:18-25

Passage Summary: In a world of growing chaos and calamity, God comes to us this Christmas season to remind us that _____ is _____!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that we begin to understand the meaning of all is bright when we live with the conviction that all of God's _____ concerning our salvation are _____! (1:18-25)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the promises of God...

- They were _____ through _____ people! (v.18-21)

“This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 1:18

Remember: When it comes to the promises of God, there can be not only a _____ of missing out, but as well, a _____ of missing out; but all is bright for those who believe!

- There was nothing _____ about their _____! (v.22-25)

“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’—which means, ‘God with us.’”

Matthew 1:22-23

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14

The Doctrine of the Virgin Birth:

Jesus was conceived in the womb of his mother Mary by a miraculous work of the Holy Spirit apart from any union with a man.

The Significance of the Virgin Birth:

The miraculous nature of the virgin birth allows Jesus to become fully human, without being corrupted by the sinful human nature. If Jesus is not fully human and completely sinless, He could not have been an acceptable sacrifice before God, and thus, we are still lost in our sins. (Hebrews 2:14-18) In summary, the only solution for the sin of humanity is the incarnation, that is, the God-Man Jesus Christ. (John 1:1, 14)

Remember: When it comes to the promises of God, many of them are _____ in _____, many of which have already been fulfilled at Christ's first coming, and many that will be fulfilled upon His return; and all is bright for those who believe!

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine this Christmas season and always, that you will punctuate the phrase, **All is Bright**, with an _____ point and not a _____ mark; for those who do are those who have come to understand...

All is bright does NOT mean that all is EASY; or that we will never be _____, or that it is EVER EASY to be _____.

But it does mean that the _____ of _____ CHANGES EVERYTHING.

FOR HE CAME...

_____, that is, His birth was _____ CENTURIES in advance;

He came _____, that is, He was BORN of a _____; He came _____, that is, He became a _____ WITHOUT CEASING to be God;

And He came _____, that is, He came to give us BRIGHT _____ amidst the DARKNESS of our times.

It is in INCREASING MEASURE the experience of the follower of Christ, who is willing to LIFT UP their head and LOOK TO their Savior for the _____ He alone provides, and _____; ANEW, and AFRESH, and AGAIN and AGAIN!