

**Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour:
A Love Message unto the body of Christ**

The holiday season is upon us and Christians all over the world are preparing for Christmas celebrations. When asked about the meaning of Christmas some say, it celebrates the birth of Jesus, others it celebrates the birth of Christ, while others say we celebrate one another by exchange of gifts. It is fitting then, for the Lord to reveal his wisdom as to the coming of Christ. Luke 2:11 speaks of an angel who visited shepherds and proclaimed, "For unto you is born **this day** in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Of what **day** was the angel speaking? What is a day unto God? 2 Peter 3:8 tells us "...that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." No doubt, Peter did not intend for this scripture to be taken as a mathematical calculation to determine the length of God's day. Rather, it is intended to show that God's day differs from man's day. One can think of God's day as defining a dispensation or allowance of time to accomplish a task. For example, God gave unto Israel the Sabbath day and told them to keep it holy. Yet, Israel failed to understand the principle behind the Sabbath day—that is that man should work as God works and only upon completion of God's work, should he rest. This is why Christ Jesus had no regard for the day of the week designated for the Sabbath and said "...My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" John 5:17. Accordingly, God's day is a grant of time or space to perform the work to accomplish His will.

Likewise, God has revealed that born **this day** a Savior, in this instance does not reference a 24 hour period that is typical of man's day. Rather, **this day** began with Christ taking up abode within Jesus and ended roughly 30 years later when God declared of Jesus, who was covered by the Spirit, "this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" Matthew 3:17. Therefore, **this day** signified both the introduction of Christ within Jesus, included his making process, and ended when Christ was declared by the Father unto all of creation. To be clear, Jesus was honored to serve as the house, the outer shell. Enclosed within was Christ and it was Christ that made Jesus special. Christ did not come in his glory as the only begotten of the Father. Rather, he came in low form indwelling in heart of Jesus, a man no different than you or me. The Hebrew writer wrote that Christ spoke unto the Father saying "Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me" Hebrews 5:10. In this respect, Jesus began his life no different than you or me. He was the son of his parents Joseph and Mary. (An aside: it is interesting how churchgoing people esteem Mary and speak so little about Joseph. The prophecy foretold the coming of a King from the line of David. Joseph was a descendent of David and Mary was not. Therefore, you can clearly see the error in men's doctrine when they teach that Joseph was not Jesus' father and esteem Mary as the mother of God.) To be sure, Joseph did not father Jesus in the conventional sense of having intercourse with Mary. To the contrary, the Holy Ghost caused Jesus to be born via the virgin Mary, but the work is credited to Joseph by God and none can change it (see: Matthew. 1:16-18, 1:45, John: 6:42).

Jesus was formed as an infant in his mother's womb with a soul that bore the taint of Adam. His soul had to be purified and to this end, God gave unto Jesus a comforter – the Holy Ghost to teach and guide him in the ways of the Father. Similar to his instruction unto Nicodemus (John 3:7), Jesus himself had to be born again and he spoke to Nicodemus based upon personal experience. He had to learn how to submit to the Christ within and this process took many years. Even as Jesus erred (as was the account of Luke 2:41-52 when he separated himself from his parents without their permission), the Holy Ghost (spirit of Christ) was there to cover and direct him and because his attitude (heart) was right towards

God, there was no sin imputed unto him. Christ was formed in Jesus just as Christ must be formed in us. After all, Jesus Christ is our perfect example in everything. He is the way the truth and our very life.

The Lord has further revealed greater understanding as to Christ's role in overcoming the enemy of both man and God. This pertains to words spoken unto the enemy in Genesis 3:15 which reads, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Who is the seed of which is spoken? If the seed is a physical son of Eve, then how can such a person inflict a crushing blow on the head of one who is not amenable to natural senses? We have learned previously that the devil is a supernatural being -- that he fills up the sum and is full of wisdom of things natural. How then could a natural descendent of Eve stand a chance against one such as him? The answer is found in understanding that the seed of which God spoke is not a natural (fallen seed). Rather, the seed of Eve references the spirit that indwelled in Eve as she was in the beginning, created upright in righteousness. That spirit is Christ and it is through Christ indwelling in man that man is given the power to overcome the enemy.

The Lord also ministered pertaining to the serpent in the Garden of Eden. The bruising or crushing of the head of the serpent does not reference a singular enemy. Just as God has many angels in his service, there are many devils bent upon doing destructive works. The crushing of the head of the serpent should not be seen as a singular event but instead as a continuous process in which the angels of God (and we are those angels, Matthew 22:30) show forth overcoming power to subdue the host of enemies. In order for us to serve as angels of God, we must be fully covered by the Spirit with our soul in perfect alignment with the Spirit. In such a state where Christ is fully formed within us, the Father is able to take up his abode in us. Jesus Christ is our example of this. His testimony was when you see me you see the father. Our testimony must be likewise. We must see the example that Jesus Christ set for us as his life is a perfect example of The Ellison Model in action.

In Ephesians 4:13 Paul wrote, that we are tasked to "...all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:" So, the steps that reveal God's expectation for us are laid out as follows:

1. Unity of the Faith
2. Knowledge of the Son of God
3. Perfect man
4. The measure of the stature of fullness of Christ

The unity of the faith references the truism that there is one faith, a faith that was once delivered unto the saints that comes from God. Many preachers today do not teach about the need for the unity of the faith because if so they would be preaching unto themselves. The unity of the faith is necessary to move to the next level which is the knowledge of the son of God. In this second step, it is essential that we know that Jesus is Christ and how Jesus is Christ but to stop there is not enough. Knowledge of the son of God includes **the revelation that we are the son of God (Philippians 2:15) as we are graced to put on Christ just as Jesus did.**