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Calvary or Bethlehem?

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Two places played an important part in Jesus' life. The first was Bethlehem, the place of his birth. (Matt. 1:5-9) The second was Calvary, the place of His death. (Luke 23:33) Of these two, only one has affected mankind for all generations. That one is Calvary.

At Calvary, His birth in Bethlehem found its real meaning. Paul wrote "But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men." (Phil. 2:7NKJV) Because Jesus came in the form of a baby, He entered the world like everyone else. He also died for every man on a cross on Calvary. He bore the sins of many. (Heb. 9:28) Without the events in Bethlehem, Calvary would not have been possible; but with the events of Bethlehem the events of Calvary affected all men of all generations.

At Calvary, the timing of His birth in Bethlehem was realized. Paul wrote about the time when Christ would be born in order to redeem others. In Ga. 4:4, we read, "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law..." (NKJV) This happened in Bethlehem. Then Paul continues, "...To redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." (Ga. 4:5) According to Heb. 9:15, this happened at His death on Calvary.

At Calvary, the good news of Bethlehem became a reality. The angels' announcement to the shepherds was "I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Lu. 2:10, 11) The reference to "city of David" is another name for Bethlehem. (1 Sam. 16:18) The good news of universal salvation for all men came to fruition at the death of Christ. Jesus said, "This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Mt. 26:28)

Had it not been for Bethlehem, Calvary would not have happened; but because of Calvary, we all can rejoice in knowing we have a way to get to heaven one day. By coming in contact with his death on Calvary (Ro.6:3), we can have hope of everlasting life.

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ATTEND WORSHIP WITH US NEXT SUNDAY

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10:45 AM-11:00 AM Getting Connected and Set Up Time

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:45 PM-6:00 PM Getting Connected and Set Up Time

6:00 PM-6:45 PM Bible Study Class—Dale

Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

225—Soldiers of Christ Arise

Opening Prayer: Mark

Hymn: 403—No Tears In
Heaven

Scripture Reading: Larry

Luke 2:8-20

Hymn:

297—When My Love To
Christ Grows Weak

Lord's Supper: Ray

Hymn:

257—Amazing Grace

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

605—Just As I Am

Closing Hymn:

561—It Is Well With My Soul

Closing Prayer: Ryan

PRAYER LIST

*Beverly is at Maple View Country Manor
 *Ron and Bonnie and their family.
 *Margaret and Albert.
 *Wanda and her family. We are rejoicing over Wanda's baptism last Sunday.
 *Kathy and her friends. Kathy was not well last week.
 *Zarna Several members of her family in India have the virus.
 *Larry and Ruth.
 *Pat and Ron and their daughters.
 *Juanita's sister Betty and the rest of her family some of them have COVID.
 *Mary and her family.
 *Robert and Sara
 *Ray and Barbara and their nephew Darin
 *Dale and his family.
 *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
 *Myron & Carole and their family. Ethan's family for their loss and those who have COVID
 *Mark and his family.

CALENDAR

Dec. 20—Worship 11 am
 Speaker: Tom
 Dec. 20—Bible Study 6 pm
 on-line with Dale
 Dec. 27—Worship 11 am
 Speaker: Tom
 Dec. 27—Bible Study 6 pm
 on-line with Dale
 Jan. 2—(b.) Carl

Answer to Puzzle: Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people."

Glory in the Highest

Scripture Reference: Luke 2:8-20

ANGEL	ANOTHER	BETHLEHEM	CHILD
CHRIST	CLOTHS	CONCERNING	COUNTRY
EARTH	FIELDS	GLORIFYING	GLORY
GOODWILL	HEARD	HEART	HEAVEN
HIGHEST	JOSEPH	KEEPING	LIVING
MANGER	MARVELED	MULTITUDE	PONDERED
PRAISING	RETURNED	SAVIOR	SAYING
SHEPHERDS	SUDDENLY	SWADDLING	THINGS
TOWARD	WIDELY	WRAPPED	

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 M O A N N L G E E L S A S I E D T O
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 D G E M Y R T N U O C D E P P A R W

Hidden Message: _____

Having a sharp tongue can cut your own throat.

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