A SAVIOUR IS BORN.

Lu.2,8-14 The angel of the Lord appeared unto the shepherds, and said unto them, Fear not, For I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will toward men.

Mt.1,21 The angel announced to Joseph the conception of Jesus by the Holy Ghost, ~~said~~ And she (Mary) shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save the people from their sins.--Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophets, saying, Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Purpose of His coming.-- Lu.19,10 Christ said. For the Son of man is come to seek and save the LOSt.--Ac.5,30 Peter says. The God of our Fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye sleww and hanged on a tree. Him hath God highly exalted with His right hand, to be a Prince and a SAVIOUR, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.--Ro.3,23 For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God.--Col.1,14 In whom we have redemption through His bloob, even the forgigeness of sin.--Eph.2,13 But now in Christ Jesus, Ye who were sometimes afar off (before converted), are made nigh by the blood of Christ, for He is our peace.-1Pe.1,18 Foras much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.

We obtain this salvation which Christ has paid for with His own blood by rendering obedience to His will. Ro.6,17 But God be thanked, ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed that form of doctrine whi~~ch~~he was delivered unto you, being then made free from sin, ye became servants of righteousness. THAT FORM OF DOCTRINE is stated in the same chapter, third, to 8th verses, Know ye not, that so many of us as was baptized into Christ, were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we h have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.--Raised to walk a new life. We obey whenwe believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, That He died for our sins, confess that we believe it and are baptized for the remission of our sins as Peter required of the Jews who crucified Christ, Ac.2,37 Men andbrethren what shall we do? 38 Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every oneof you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins. Verse 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and there were added unto them about three thousand souls. Verse 47 And the Lord added to the church daily, such as should be saved. We are not only required to believe that Jesus is the Christ, but we are to confess that we believe it. Ro.10,9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be saved, For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The miracles which Christ did, His death and resurrection, and ascension were written to induce us to believe and be saved, as we read Jn.20,30-31 And many other signs truely did Jesus in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believeing, yee might have life through His name.

Let us give honour to Him by rendering obedience to the command given to His disciples just before He ascended Mk.16,15 Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. When we do this He is indeed our SAVIOUR which was announced to the Shepherds. UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.

1 Pe.1,10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure. For if ye do these things ye shall never fall. What things? Verse 5 Add to your faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience Godliness, brotherly kindness, charity--Verse 11 For so an entrance shall be administered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

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