

Eastern Mission

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Luke 1:30-33 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name **JESUS**. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his Father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luke 2: 7- 14 And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night And, lo, the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, 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 Savior, 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 the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**.

John: 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

As we once again come into the Christmas season, we find the only sure foundation, we have is **Jesus Christ**. All other foundations are as sinking sand. During the past year with the Coronavirus and so many troubles, and uncertainty both here and abroad we need that sure anchor. Where else can we find true comfort, trust, assurance and direction? We can find it in the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. Our anchor and rock foundation the Lord and Savior **Jesus Christ**. This gift that was sent to mankind for the salvation of our souls. The greatest gift ever given to mankind came from the heart of love, mercy and grace of our Heavenly Father.

This **Jesus** who gave his life for all when he was crucified, died and rose again for our redemption. This **Jesus** who has cleansed us from all sins by his redemptive work on the cross of Calvary.

As we ponder the events of the past year and going into a new year the only sure thing, we can be certain of is the truths found in God's word and that firm foundation the Lord **Jesus Christ**. So, we want to say Thank you to our Heavenly Father for sending us the greatest gift on that Christmas morning so long ago. His only begotten son our Lord and Savior **Jesus Christ**.

As we reflect on the happenings of that first Christmas morning let us remember we truly have been blessed this Christmas season to once again hear and consider the happenings surrounding the birth of our Lord and Savior **Jesus Christ**.

Merry Christmas and have a joyful and blessed Christmas this year.

God's Peace

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