

Week 5 – Christ

(Isaiah 9:6-7)

We have talked about many different events that changed the course of history so far in devotions. We learned how God **created** the heavens and the earth and then how the world was **corrupted** because of the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Then we talked about how sin spread through all of their children and grandchildren for many generations until God judged sin in a worldwide flood **catastrophe**. A man named Noah and his family were the only ones that were saved by God and then God told them to fill the earth and spread out. Last week we talked about how all the descendants of Noah rebelled against God and chose to disobey Him. God then **confused** their language so that they were not able to understand each other. That made them spread out on the earth like God had commanded them.

Throughout all of those events, God's desire remained the same. He wanted to have a relationship with mankind. He desperately wanted to have His creations know Him and have a relationship with Him, but sin continued to get in the way because God cannot tolerate sin.

That is why it is important to remember what happened right after sin came into the world through Adam and Eve. We need to remember way back there in Genesis that God made a promise: He would one day defeat sin and restore the relationship between God and man.

Throughout the rest of the Old Testament, this theme continued. God made a promise to a man named Abraham that, through one of his descendants, God would bless the whole world. That promise was made again to Abraham's son and grandson and even his great-grandson. As time went on, people continued to sin and rebel against God, but God did not change His promise that He would eventually defeat sin.

Many generations later, God promised one of Abraham's descendants, David, that the conqueror of sin would come through his children. David was the king of Israel and God made a covenant with him that one day there would be a king from David's family that would be greater than the mighty King David and would be king forever. God continued to remind His people of this promise and gave them more information about this saving king that was to come. God spoke through many prophets over many years about this king who would be born in Bethlehem and would save the people from their sins.

This coming king would be known as the Messiah or **Christ** which means savior or deliverer. He was going to be different than everyone else that ever existed. This **Christ** was going to be special.

After a long time of the people eagerly awaiting God to fulfill His promise, God sent an angel to a young girl named Mary. The angel came and told her the good news that God was finally sending the Savior. Mary was going to have a baby and that baby would be the Son of God. Inside of Mary, God had conceived a baby that would be born. This baby would be God Himself and would come to defeat sin and make it possible for people to once again have a relationship with God.

Months later, Mary had that baby and she was overjoyed. She knew that God had sent his deliverer to earth and that sin would soon be no more. She knew how important this baby would be. We'll talk more about this **Christ** next week and what He did about the problem of sin.

Questions:

- What ruined the relationship that God wanted to have with mankind?
- What was so different about the **Christ**?
- What was the **Christ** promised to do?