



God's
Word
Fellowship

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11 KJV

Title: Jesus came to give us His identity.

When angels announced the birth of Jesus, they didn't say that Mary's boy was born in Bethlehem. They didn't make Him known as Joseph's Son. They announced Jesus as Saviour, Christ and The Lord. In other words, Jesus, the chosen of GOD, anointed of God and Son of God is born for you in Bethlehem. God chose Jesus as The Saviour of world. He anointed Jesus for the purpose of redeeming mankind from their sins. And finally, this redemption is possible only through the Son of God. Therefore, Jesus is not Mary's boy or carpenter's son; Jesus is chosen by God, anointed of God and He is the Son of God. Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords, creator of the universe, Almighty God.

There are many names which are ascribed to Jesus in heaven. So, He doesn't need a new identity. He didn't come down to earth because He had an identity crisis. He doesn't need to identify Himself with the poor by being born in a manger. He didn't come to become one among the poor. He didn't come to spread poverty. Poverty was already existing in the earth as a result of man's fall. Jesus came to change our identity, not to become one with us. He came down to our level, so that He can lift us up up-to His level. He came to remove the curse. He was manifested in the flesh to give us sonship with the Father. He came to make us sons of God.

Angel who delivered this message knew that Jesus was the Lord their GOD. After the announcement of the birth of Jesus, immediately there appeared in the heaven a multitude of heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will towards men". Along with the shepherds even the multitude of angels heard the good tiding of Great Joy concerning the birth of Jesus. They came to see their Lord who veiled Himself in human flesh, whom they were worshipping in heaven from eternity past. This stanza, "Glory to God in the highest", is an old old song which they were singing to Jesus in heaven. Now, again they are singing this song for Jesus by

adding extra two lines to it, which they received from God the Father. The last two lines are connected with Jesus' earthly ministry which He is going to carry out on earth. "Peace on earth" and "good will towards men", these two things Jesus, Saviour, anointed and Lord is going to accomplish for mankind.

Earth had lost its peace since the fall of man. God's good will towards man is to restore his relationship with Him. So, Jesus came to bring peace on earth and draw all human beings to God The Father. The name of Jesus is the beginning of hope and end of despair. This treaty was signed in the manger and completely accomplished on the day of His resurrection. We need to get this right. Jesus is not the one who needed redemption. The birth, death and resurrection of Jesus didn't change His identity instead it changed our identity.

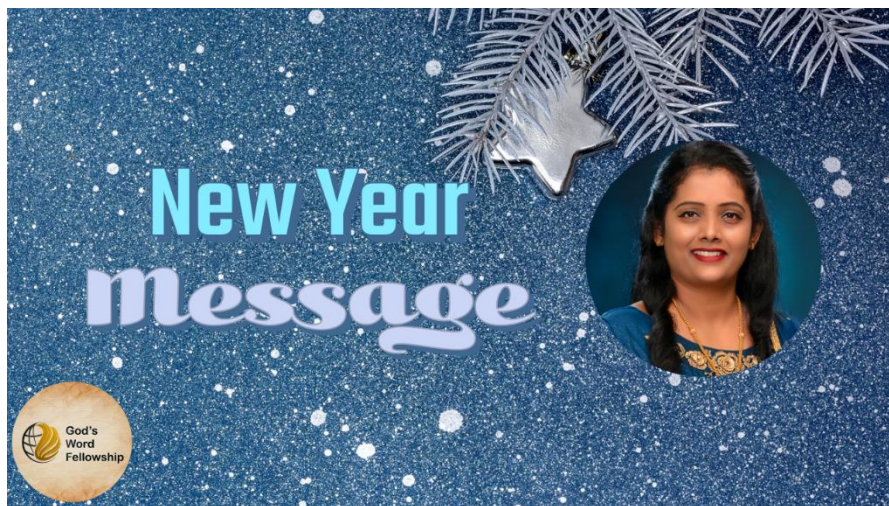
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