



A Baby Born (Luke 2:1-20)

Sunday, December 9, 2018 AVBC 10:30 am

-Luke 1:57-77; 2:1-14

1. The birth of a baby brings new _____ into the regular _____ of life.

-Matthew 17, Luke 2:15-20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

2. The birth of a baby brings _____ into the _____ of life.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, (Psalm 92:1,2)

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You. (Psalm 139:11,12) (Luke 1:76-79)

3. The birth of the baby (Jesus) brings _____ into the _____ of life.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly...But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:1,6 8)

God, I'm sorry for living my life as if you don't even exist. I confess today that life is not about me. It's about You. It's about You receiving glory. It's about the baby Jesus who grew to be a man and who ultimately died on the cross so that I could be forgiven and set free. I want to change from old selfish patterns to new godly priorities. I want to move from darkness to light. Today, I confess that I am powerless to save myself. I want to exchange my sin for the salvation freely offered by Jesus, my Saviour. Today, I choose to invite Jesus Christ into my heart and life!

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(For use in personal/family devotions or with your Care group)

Q1: If you were unable to speak for nine months what would be the first thing you would want to say once your voice box was freed?

Q2: What we talk about reveals what's on our heart. If someone followed you around for a week and recorded everything you said, what would they conclude are the priority issues in your heart and mind?

Q3: Study Matthew 17:1-2, Revelation 1:12-16 and Ezekiel 1:26-28. What do these passages reveal about the divine appearance of our Saviour? How does this blazing image impact your perspective on Jesus?

Q4: Pastor David mentioned that life can get pretty dark at times. Have you ever gone through a particularly dark time? If so, explain. How did the Lord bring light into that situation?

Q5: Read and reflect upon Psalm 14:1-4. Does this passage encourage you or embolden you? If so, how?

Q6: The angel declared that a Saviour has been born! Has Jesus been "born" in your heart? If so, describe when you were "born again" by the Spirit of God. If no, what questions or issues are holding you back from trusting Jesus as Saviour?

Q7: Read Isaiah 9:1-7. How is Jesus revealed in this Old Testament text? What about our ultimate future?