

## **GOD HAD A PLAN BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

### **Genesis 3:14-15**

**Introduction:** News on television, the radio and in the newspapers reveal the sinfulness of the human race. There is never a moment on earth that someone is not hurting someone else or stealing or committing some crime. All this wickedness of the human race reveals that:

- Man is lost from God's first Adam.
- That man cannot bring himself back to God.
- That God has undertaken to bring man back.
- That Jesus Christ is the only means by which mankind can get back to God.

### **I. THE FIRST HUMAN BEING, ADAM, RUINED THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE**

1. The disobedience of Adam of God's commands in the Garden of Eden has been followed by every generation since that fateful day.
2. Jesus Christ is the only human being since Adam who has ever kept all of God's commands and remained without sin.
3. Every human being of our own generation is guilty of the same dreadful thing Adam did in the Garden of Eden, sin against God.

### **II. GOD WILL REDEEM MANKIND THROUGH ANOTHER MAN - A SECOND ADAM**

1. The second Adam will be a redeemer for the whole human race.
  - He will be like God
  - He will be like man.
  - Who could be like this?
2. Before creation this plan of redemption of mankind was fashioned by God, the Father, God, the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit.
  - God, the Son, would become the Son of Man.
3. Human comprehension fails at trying to understand the why's and how's of this divine plan.
  - *1 Timothy 2:5      1 Corinthians 15:47      John 1:1-2; 14*
  - *Hebrews 2:9, 11, 14, 17, 18*

### **III. GOD, THE SON, BECAME THE SON OF MAN**

1. *Luke 2:11-12*
  - Christ, the Lord = a babe
  - The Savior = wrapped in swaddling clothes.
  - The Creator = lying in a manger.
  - The Author of Life = being born as a human being.
  - The Father of Eternity = having life measured in days, months, and years.

2. God and a Man, the SAME! How can it be?  
- *Matthew 1:20*    *Luke 1:30, 31, 34, 35*

#### **IV. HERE THE FAITH OF MAN IS CHALLENGED**

1. Here is a supernatural birth that connects eternity and time.
  - Heaven and earth
  - God and man
2. There has been no person BEFORE or SINCE like this one called Jesus, the Son of God.
  - He is both equally God and Man.
  - **Philippians 2:5-8**

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. In human form, God, the Son came, lived and then died on a cross in order that He might become mankind's REDEEMER - SAVIOR.
2. THIS is the Christmas Story. This is what God had in mind for mankind from that day in the Garden of Eden. REDEEM mankind!
3. What do you think of God's plan? It is God's plan and there is no other way to be restored back to His grace.
4. Have you accepted God's plan for bringing YOU back to Him?