

Doctrinal Studies
God Sent His Son
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The coming of Jesus to this earth in the flesh (the Incarnation) is the greatest demonstration of the Love of God to men. John said: "In this was manifested the Love of God toward us..."

Think of it: God sent His Son to lost mankind, dead in trespasses and sins, to die on the Cross; a sacrifice to put away our sins, that we might have Everlasting Life; to be redeemed to live with Him throughout Eternity. That is real love!

God became man that man might become like Him! We shall be totally like Him, when we shall see Him as He is. For now, we are to be like Him by allowing Him to rule, master, and control our lives.

God is the Sender. He sent an angel to announce the Birth (Luke 1:19). The receiver was an earth-bound person—Mary, a young Jewish virgin, engaged to Joseph—who was of the House of David, in the obscure little land of Palestine; in a very insignificant city called Nazareth.

Here we have heavenly (celestial) contact with an earthly (terrestrial) person. What kind of message would come from the Celestial to the Terrestrial? What would an angel say to a human being? "Hail, thou that are highly favoured, the Lord is with thee." (Luke 1:28) "Highly favoured" is from a Greek word meaning, "to make one the object of your favor." Mary was the special object of God's favor.

The same word is used for every believer in Ephesians 1:6: "He hath made us accepted in the beloved." (favored or "graced-out") God has made us the object of His favor! The word "accepted" (χαριτόω - charitoo) means tremendous blessing—GRACE! The Grace of Salvation is provided for all. When a person accepts that Grace, he becomes an object of the benefits of that Grace.

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Mary had done nothing to merit this favor. Even though it was a high honor, coming with that high honor was abuse, ridicule, and misunderstanding. Can't you imagine the town gossips and tattle-tales "getting on the horn" with the juicy news that this sweet little young lady engaged to Joseph was expecting a baby?

Mary was troubled and "cast in her mind." She pondered, considered, and reasoned. But her fear is removed in verses 28, 30: "Fear not, Mary (μή φοβῶν - me phobou - stop being afraid; you have nothing to fear)...the Lord is with thee..." The first thing the Lord does is remove the fear. He is in charge!

The reason not to be afraid: "You have found favour with God." (Luke 1:28-30) The Lord came to this earth to bless us—to favor us. He desires to pour upon us His blessings! That is the theme of the Bible.

Note the superiority, Deity, and Kingship of Christ in verses 32, 33. "He shall be great (the superiority of Christ over every human being); He shall be called the Son of the Highest (recognized as God in the flesh); the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David." This is the millennial throne from which Jesus will rule over the entire earth at the Second Advent.

He is mankind's security: "Of His kingdom there shall be no end." Never again will the human race be plunged into sin with its attendant agony, sorrow, disappointment, and heartache. He will rule forever with perfect peace and righteousness. There will be perfect safety.

Mary's faith and surrender: "The power of the Highest shall overshadow thee." (vs. 35) Mary's reply: "Be it unto me according to thy word." (vs. 38) Faith is taking God at His word. This is submission!

Everlasting life belongs to every lost person who accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior!