

Ensure fellowship with God using 1 John 1:9

Resuming Matthew following completion of “The Life of Prayer” Special.

Matthew 1:1

(1) The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham

- “The Messiah” – the genitive of CHRISTOS (transliterated from the Greek)
 - Translated “Messiah” in most English Bibles
 - Also a very acceptable translation is “Christ”, which is closer to the transliteration
 - CHRISTOS has a Hebrew equivalent (verbal form – to anoint with oil) MASHACH
 - Anointing in the ancient world was a prerequisite to being enthroned as a King
 - Matthew’s Gospel, therefore is emphasizing the Kingship of Jesus Christ.
 - The promised King who would rule the Davidic Kingdom
 - John’s Gospel emphasizes the Deity of Christ
 - David is mentioned first, emphasizing His right to the Royal Throne

2 Samuel 7:12-13

(12) "When your days are complete (a reference to David’s days – when he lives out his life) and you lie down with your fathers (reference to his death), I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.

(13) "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

- Reference to the Davidic Covenant
 - A descendant of David who would sit on an eternal throne and rule an eternal kingdom
 - Why David is mentioned first in Matthew’s Gospel as opposed to Abraham?
 - Matthew is emphasizing the fact that Jesus is that King
 - The King who would sit on David’s throne and rule on earth forever
 - This is something that the Jew looked forward to; it was a promise

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- Abraham is mentioned to take us back to the Abrahamic covenant found in Genesis 12:1-3
 - In verse 3 - “. . . in you (Abraham), all the families of the earth will be blessed”
 - Two ways He will bless all the families on the earth
 - He will provide salvation for all who believe
 - He will establish a righteous and just reign on earth when he sits on David’s throne
 - Matthew presents Jesus Christ as Israel’s promised Messiah King who came to fulfill the Abrahamic and the Davidic Covenant to Israel as promised by God
- In verses 2-16 we have the 3 divisions of Matthew’s genealogy
 - Division I – From Abraham to David (vs. 2-6), [14 generations]
 - Division II – From David to Babylonian captivity (vs. 6-11), [14 generations]
 - Division III – From Babylonian captivity to the Messiah (vs. 12-16), [14 generations]

Matthew 1:17

(17) So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

- Matthew intentionally left out a few names to construct three divisions of 14.
- WHY is “14” so important here?
 - Because the Hebrews ascribe a number to each of their letters in the alphabet
 - If we look David’s name in the Hebrew
 - DAWID or DAVID
 - Translating the consonants only:
 - D = 4
 - V = 6
 - D = 4 (Totals 14)
 - Matthew has constructed his genealogy into three divisions of 14
 - To do so, he had to leave out some individuals within each of those divisions
 - This is *perfectly acceptable* within the Hebrew frame of reference for reckoning
 - He was placing an exclamation point into the text for the Jewish reader
 - That Jesus was this descendant of David
 - He had come to fulfill the Davidic covenant to actually sit on David’s throne
 - And His Kingdom is offered to Israel
 - It is a legitimate and bona fide offer; that if Israel were to accept Him as her King, the Kingdom would have come, and He would have sat on that throne and ruled
- We noted that each of the divisions of the royal line was full of sin

In review

POD – No sin is too great to prevent a sinner from becoming part of God’s Royal Family.

- We become part of God’s Royal Family by grace through *faith alone in Christ alone*.
- We must recognize this when giving the gospel
 - We may not give the gospel to someone because we think they are “beyond God’s saving grace”
 - The principle of ***Carpe Occasio*** to our Ambassadorship applies:
 - We must be attentive to those whom the Lord brings into our periphery
 - Reason: We do not know what is going to happen to someone after we talk with them about the Lord.
 - They could board a plane that crashes
 - They could have a fatal heart attack
 - They could be involved in a fatal car accident
 - You might be the Ambassador for Christ that God is sending into their life at just the right time!
 - We are to seize opportunities to represent Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world that is fraught with sin
 - No sinner is beyond God’s saving grace; we must be malleable to give the Gospel whenever and wherever the Lord provides the opportunity.

POD – No sin is too great to remove the believer from God's Royal Family once he has been placed there through faith alone in Christ alone.

- Solomon was one of the worst sinners and was not removed from the royal line
- We are not removed from God's Royal Family
- Christ made provision for all of our sins on the cross
- *That is GRACE*, there would be no forgiveness or cleansing from personal sin without Jesus Christ’s completed work on the cross
 - In time, we must rebound to recover fellowship with God

- **1 John 1:9**
(9) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Matthew 1:16

(16) **Jacob was the father** (aorist active indicative of GENNAO in the Greek; meaning Joseph was the physical descendant of Jacob) **of Joseph the husband of Mary (MARIA - transliterated from the Greek), by whom** (feminine singular pronoun HE, in the Greek) **Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah**

- Mary was the physical mother of the *humanity* of Christ
- This indicates that Joseph was not the physical father of Jesus

Matthew 1:18

(18) **Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child** (in the Greek – GASTER, in the dative case, a reference to the belly or womb; with ECHO, to have or to hold – can be literally translated she was found having in the womb; meaning pregnant; she was found to be pregnant) **by the Holy Spirit** (the preposition EK + the genitives PNEUMA and HAGIOS)

- “*by the Holy Spirit*” indicates that God the Holy Spirit supernaturally fertilized Mary’s ovum
- This checked the perpetuation of sin in the royal line at Messiah

In review

PODs:

1. Jesus was not the physical progeny of Joseph.
2. Since the sin nature is transmitted by the male in procreation, Jesus did not possess a sin nature. Remember, Joseph did not beget Jesus. Joseph was the husband of Mary *by whom* (referring back to Mary), Jesus was born.
 - **Rom 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—
3. Therefore the imputation of Adam’s original sin was not imputed to the genetically transmitted sin nature which would have resulted in spiritual death. Rom 5:12-19 – Adam’s original sin is imputed to every member of the human race.
 - It is a real imputation, because it has affinity to what it is being imputed to (Sin to sin).
 - It is imputed to the old sin nature, which is perpetuated by the male.
 - This all happens “out from the womb”.
 - Adam's original sin is imputed to the genetically formed and transmitted old sin nature, and that results in spiritual death or separation from God.
 - At birth every member of the human race is in a state of total depravity.
 - Therefore there is nothing a depraved person can do to earn or deserve salvation.
 - God took care of the barrier of sin at the Cross
 - Therefore the only thing that stands in the way of depraved man having a relationship with God is the Cross.
 - Man is saved by faith alone in what Christ accomplished for him alone on the cross.
 - Saving faith can be expressed as simply as this:
 - I am a sinner.
 - Christ died for sinners.
 - Christ died for me.
 - Do you believe this?
 - Because Joseph did not impregnate Mary, his sin nature was not transmitted by procreation.
 - When the humanity of Jesus Christ came out of the womb, Adam's original sin could not be imputed to a sin nature that Jesus did not possess

4. Jesus Christ was thus born spiritually alive, without an old sin nature.
5. The virgin birth of Christ is a fundamental of the Christian faith, because it qualified Him to be our unblemished sacrificial lamb. This is why the virgin birth is so important. It prohibited the transmission of the old sin nature – supernatural conception.

Heb 10:5

- (5) Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, (God the Son speaking to God the Father) "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED (i.e., Matthew 1:16 and 1:18; it was prepared by the Holy Spirit) FOR ME;
- (6) IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.
- (7) "THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'"

- What was the “Will of God for that body”?
 - It was the will of God for that body to be sacrificed for sin once and for all

1Peter 2:24

(24) and He Himself bore our sins in His **body** on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

- That body was designed to *be sacrificed*, and had to be *without sin*
- In vs. 7, “Behold, I have come ...to do your will, O God”, is a reflection of His thinking
- Jesus Christ set the example for us to follow in our lives
 - Should we be less committed to the Will of God that He was?
 - NO - We should have the exact same attitude
 - “I was born again at faith alone in Christ alone to do the will of God”
 - “To follow in the footsteps of my Savior”
- Before the Royal King enters human history He has to be announced or heralded
- This was the job of John the Baptist - to herald the coming of the anointed King and the anointed King’s kingdom (the kingdom of heaven)

Luke 1:5

- (5) In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth
- (6) They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren (she could not conceive), and they were both advanced in years (Elizabeth is *beyond* her childbearing years)
- (7) Now it happened *that* while he was performing his priestly service before God in the *appointed* order of his division,
- (8) according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense (Zacharias was at the exact right place at the exact right time – God had placed him there to make that incense offering; he was chosen by lot out of thousands of priests; it was the providential hand of God).
- (10) And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering.
- (11) And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.
- (12) Zacharias was troubled when he saw *the angel*, and fear gripped him.
- (13) But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard (importunate prayer for a child), and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John

Proverbs 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the LORD.

- Notice that the name is not chosen by the parents, but by God, as was the name of Jesus.
- This indicated that both Joseph, Mary, Zacharias, and Elizabeth were malleable to the will of God

- They were willing to do the will of God regardless of what that will was and therefore they were used by God
 - **Problem:** Zacharias and Elizabeth were childless
 - They prayed for a son
 - They were importunate (they continued to press their plea in the throne room of grace throughout their years)
 - **Problem Solved:** God answered their prayer – “and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son”
 - Prayer is a problem solving device
 - The context in which it has been communicated that prayer is *not* a PSD is found in the Life of Prayer Special

POD – The protocol of prayer sets God in motion to answer for His greatest glory at the right time, in the right place, and when we least expect it.



- Zacharias was doing the will of God in the time in which he lived
- Jam 5:16b** ...The effective (the operational) prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much (is accomplishing great things).

- Why? Because the righteous one who is making the request is the one who is doing the will of God.
- Jesus Christ is the action officer of the prayer request when the righteous believer, the one who’s doing the will of God is following the protocol of prayer
- There are two things for the believer *living today* to be at the right place at the right time just as Zacharias was during his day

Luke 1:6 They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord

1. **Volition** - to do what God would have us to do.
 - to be malleable (not stiff necked).
2. **The providential hands of God.**

It requires God to act. To direct the circumstances, to place you where you need to be, when you need to be there. The whole issue of doing the will of God is solved when the believer is willing to do the will of God regardless of what that will may be.
3. **The leading of God the Holy Spirit.**

- As God directed circumstances in Zacharias to place him in the temple at the right time, God is going to place you in the right place at the right time by directing circumstances in your life
 - Provided you are *doing* what God wants you to do
 - Provided you are seeking his will through *prayer*

POD – When the believer is fulfilling the responsibilities of his priesthood, he will always be at the right place at the right time, doing what God wants him to do.

- Zacharias did not have the leading ministry of God the Holy Spirit as we do
- God the Holy Spirit takes up permanent residence in every believer in the Church Age at salvation
- One of the things the Holy Spirit was sent to do is to lead you in the paths of God's own choosing
 - To put you where God wants you
 - That leading comes from within
- God the Holy Spirit leads us through his bearing witness ministry; a conviction of the will
- We also have Bible Doctrine circulating in our stream of consciousness that allows us to determine if the leading is from God the Holy Spirit (the leading is never contrary to the Word of God)
- When we say "No", you are quenching that which God the Holy Spirit was sent to do in your life

POD – The Church Age believer will always be at the right place at the right time doing what God wants him to do when he follows the leading of God the Holy Spirit.

- You can *know* when you are being led by the Spirit in this life.

Completion of ramp up training review

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