

***Ensure fellowship with God through 1 John 1:9***

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

Thursday's class dealt with the issue of Pastoral authority

- The message was for the local flock
- A message for the website may be developed in the future as the Lord leads
- The spiritual gift of pastor-teacher (Shepherd-Teacher) is designed to pastor one local congregation.
- To fulfill the spiritual gift of Shepherd Teacher in its fullest capacity requires the pastor to stand before the flock in the pulpit that God has provided in grace.
- Individual or collective groups of believers may identify him as their Pastor-Teacher and thus benefit from the spiritual food provided.
- The Shepherding authority is limited to the local congregation (Heb 13:7, Heb 13:17)

**Matthew 1:1-17**

- (1) The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:
- (2) Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.
- (3) Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram.
- (4) Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon.
- (5) Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse.
- (6) Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah.
- (7) Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa.
- (8) Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah.
- (9) Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah.
- (10) Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah.
- (11) Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.
- (12) After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel.
- (13) Zerubbabel was the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor.
- (14) Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud.
- (15) Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob.
- (16) Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.
- (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.

We noted the names of those involved in the Plan of God who are used to introduce the promised descendent of David and Abraham

- The Messiah of Israel
- The promised Seed to Adam & Eve after the fall.

**Abrahamic Covenant** – God had sworn to Abraham that all the families of the earth will be blessed (Gen 12:1-3; 22-18).

**Davidic Covenant** – God had sworn to David that a descendent would reign on his throne from earth forever (2 Sam 7:12-13, 16)

Meaning of the names:

Elizabeth (mother of John the Herald or John the Baptist)

- “God has sworn”

Her husband’s name – Zacharias

- “God has remembered”

Their names indicate that God remembered what He had promised to Abraham and David

John (The Herald)

- “The Lord is gracious”

What God had promised and is now remembering is unmerited favor; not earned or deserved; John was the one God chose to herald the coming of Abraham’s and David’s promised Seed.

Jesus Christ is the promised seed (Matt. 1:1)

- Messiah – the anointed one
- The “Son of David, the Son of Abraham” meaning the descendent of David & Abraham

Jesus

- “The Lord delivers or saves”
  - He is the one promised to save mankind from the penalty of their sin
  - He is the Messiah promised to deliver Israel from their oppressors.

Mary – there is a distant reference to it in the Hebrew noun Marie

- Used to describe sacrificial animals
- Mary exemplified malleability to the will of God when she responded to Gabriel’s message
  - “Behold (See) you are looking at the bondslave of the Lord”
  - “May it be done to me according to your word”

Abraham and David – Vs 18

### **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 by the Holy Spirit.

- Note the phrase – “**Betrothed to Joseph**”, occurred prior to Holy Spirit’s supernatural fertilization of Mary’s ovum
- **Before they came together** – i.e., before the wedding ceremony
- God did not place emphasis on a wedding ceremony
  - His wedding ceremony was the union of the two – when the two became one flesh by means of sexual intercourse.
- Mary was betrothed to Joseph before she went to Elizabeth’s house
- Mary was betrothed to Joseph before the archangel told her that she would conceive in her womb and bear a son in Luke 1:31

### **Luke 1:31**

(31) "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

- Mary was also told while she was betrothed to Joseph, how this would happen, since she was a virgin or *knew no man*

### Luke 1:35

(35) The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

- Between the time the angel spoke to Mary and the time she arrived at Elizabeth's house, God the Holy Spirit had supernaturally fertilized her ovum and she became pregnant
- Elizabeth is used by God in Luke 1:42 to tell Mary that she had in fact conceived by the time she arrived at the house.

### Luke 1:35-42

(35) The angel answered and said to her, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you**, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the **Son of God**."

- Supernatural conception
- "Son of God" – he would have the same *essence* as God

(36) "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.

(37) "For nothing will be impossible with God."

(38) And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

(39) Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah,

(40) and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

(41) When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

(42) And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "**Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!**"

- **Verse 42:** Elizabeth is under the *endowment* of God the Holy Spirit
- This is God's message to Mary, through Elizabeth, via the endowment of the Spirit, that what the Archangel Gabriel had communicated to Mary had come to pass.

### Matthew 1:18

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"With child" –

EN + GASTER – "in the belly or womb" → "she was found to be **pregnant**"

ECHO – "to have or to hold"

- Mary was "having/holding in the womb"

"By the Holy Spirit" -

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EK + HAGIOS + PNEUMA – "by the Holy Spirit" → supernatural fertilization

**Hypostasis or Hypostatic** – means a personal union between two natures – *God and Man*

- The humanity comes from Mary's egg – He was truly Man
- God the Holy Spirit provides the male chromosomes via supernatural fertilization

- The result is the **God-Man**
- Undiminished deity and true humanity united in one person forever
- The hypostatic union took place **at birth**

### **Comparison of pregnancies of Elizabeth and Mary**

<b>Elizabeth</b>	<b>Mary</b>
- Barren and advanced in age	- Could conceive and in child bearing years
- Miraculous conception	- Miraculous conception
- Conceived by natural conception	- Conceived by supernatural conception
- Non-virgin birth	- Virgin birth
- John was born with an old sin nature	- Jesus was born without an old sin nature

The sin nature is transmitted through the male (Rom 5:16)

### **POD**

1. Jesus Christ was not the physical progeny of Joseph. He was the progeny of God the Holy Spirit.
2. Since the sin nature is transmitted through procreation by the male, Jesus Christ did not possess a sin nature. He was not the progeny of man. Artificial insemination is still the progeny of man.
  - Adam was **created without a sin nature**.
  - Jesus Christ was the only person in human history **born without a sin nature**.
3. Therefore the imputation of Adam's original sin was not imputed to a genetically transmitted sin nature (Rom 5:12-19).
  - Adam's sin is imputed to the sin nature – a real imputation at birth – results in spiritual death and total depravity (separation from God).
  - Every member of the human race is born separated from God and unable to do anything about it in spiritual death.
  - Jesus Christ is the only person in human history born into perfect union and communion with God – born into fellowship with God.
4. The **virgin birth** of Jesus Christ is a fundamental of the Christian faith.
  - It qualifies Him to be our “unblemished sacrificial lamb”
  - He was without sin

### **Romans 5:12-19**

(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--

(13) for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

(14) Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

(15) But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

(16) The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.

(17) For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

(18) So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

(19) For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

- Between Matthew 1:18 & 19 a few things transpire:
  - Mary spends 3 months with Elizabeth and Zacharias at their home in the Judean hill country
  - Mary is not “showing” signs of pregnancy as she is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy.
  - She returns home, and Joseph discovers she’s pregnant

**Matthew 1:18-19**

(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 by the Holy Spirit.

(19) And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.

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