

Broadcast #19

Genealogy of Christ

Text: Matthew 1:1

Intro: Before I get started tonight.

-I would like to clarify something.

-Some of you may have notice sometimes during a service, that I will lift either one or both of my arms during the service.

-Maybe you think my arms have fallen asleep or I am swatting imaginary flies.

-Well, I am not doing either.

-I am just trying to be scriptural.

-Please turn to Psalm 134:2 - read.

-Amen, I am just blessing God for the preaching or the singing I am hearing.

-I think as Baptist sometimes we don't get into service like we should for fear of being called Charismatic.

-But okay to get excited. Amen.

-If you can't get excited about the things of God, then what can you get excited about.

-This time of year most Christians think about the birth of Jesus.

-What we have in the first eighteen verses of Matthew Chapter One, is the genealogy of Jesus Christ.

-A genealogy tells of someone's lineage or who they are descended from.

-Each one of here tonight has a genealogy. *first father's side then mother's side*

-Let's be honest how many of us here tonight enjoy reading the genealogies in the Bible. *Give your genealogy side*

-After first three or four begats our eyes start to close and our minds start to wander. Amen.

-Especially, at eleven at night after a hard days work.

-If you have trouble sleeping read the genealogies in the Bible, don't count sheep.

-But we have to remember what the Word of God says about itself.

"Every word of God is pure:" - Proverbs 30:5.

-That includes even the genealogy, Amen.

-God put them there for a reason.

-By not reading the genealogies in the Bible, you miss out on a blessing from God.

-God usually sticks in something very important for us to see in the genealogies.

-Examples:

1) Genesis 10 - Generations of Noah or the Genealogy of Noah.

-Notice in verse 25, something interesting - read.

-We know that the so-called scientist today believe that the earth was one big land mass *or there were land bridges linking different parts of the earth*

-Reason for this is that they found the same civilizations on different parts of the earth.

-All they had to do was read the Bible and see that the earth was indeed one big land mass.

2) Probably one the most difficult passages in the Bible to stay awake reading is the first nine chapters of First Chronicles.

-The reason being you have listed one genealogy after another.

-But notice something interesting in 1 Chronicles, Chapter 4 which is about half-way through the first nine chapters of first Chronicles.

-Look at verses 9-10.

-We have a man called Jabez who called on the God of Israel.

-You see men live have children and die.

-Their lives count for nothing.

-But someone calls on the name of the Lord and God writes his name down in his Book the Bible.

-My dear friend what distinguishes the Christian from everyone else is the fact that he took time to call on the name of the Lord for Salvation (Roman 10:13).

-And as a result the Bible tells us that person's name is written down in the Lamb's Book of Life.

-Is your name written down in the Lamb's Book of Life?

-Bible tells us if it is not, ^ethan according to Rev. 20:15, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

-So, we seen than the genealogies in the Bible are very important.

-Tonight, I want us to look at the genealogy of Jesus Christ as found in Matthew Chapter 1.

**Some things:

1) The genealogy found in Matthew Chapter 1, is the genealogy of Christ through Joseph.

-Joseph, we know was not the father of Jesus but in the eyes of the nation of Israel, Joseph was the legal father of Jesus.

2)Gospels - Genealogy of Jesus Christ found only the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

-The reason for this:

- a) Matthew - Christ presented as the king.
We are interested in the genealogy of a king.
- b) Mark - Christ presented as a servant.
No one is interested in where a servant came from.
- c) Luke - Christ presented as the son of man.
So we are interested in a genealogy.
Luke - genealogy of Christ through Mary.
- d) John - Christ presented as the Son of God
God's son doesn't have a genealogy.
He has always existed.

3) "The book of the generation" - Mt. 1:1

-The last time we read of "the book of the generations" in the Bible was in Genesis 5:1.

-This is important for ^{Christ} Adam is said to be a type of ^{Adam} Christ.

-See Romans ~~5:16~~ 5:16-21 & 1 Cor. 15:45-47.

-Here, then are two lines of men representing two types of people.

-In Adam's line in Gen. 5, ^{John} we read over and over again the expression, "and he died" "and he died".

-But in Matthew 1, we find that no record is given of anyone dying"

-This is not accidental

-After all we read in I Cor. 15:22.

-Adam represents Death.

-Christ represents Life.

-Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life"

4) What see in the genealogy of Christ as recorded in Matthew 1 is God's amazing grace.

-The reason I say this is because in this Hebrew genealogy, we are going to see the appearance of four Gentile women.

1) Mt. 1:3 - Tamar or Tamar (Ge. 38) - She was a Canaanite, heathen.

-She played the harlot for her father-in-law, Judah.
(Ge. 38:24)

2) Mt. 1:5 - Rachab.

-She can be identified as the Amorite, Rahab - Joshua 2:1.
-Another heathen.
-She was called a harlot/whore.
-Mt. 1:5 tells us she was the mother of Booz or Boaz.
-We know from the Book of Ruth that Boaz was the kinsman redeemer of Naomi who married Ruth.

She housed the Hebrew spies who went out to spy Jericho.

3) Mt. 1:5 - Ruth was the mother ^{of} Obed, the grandfather of David.

-Ruth was a Moabite, heathen
-Deut. 23:3-6, tells us Moabite was not allowed to enter into the congregation of the Lord even to the tenth generation
-Talk about an outcast.

4) Mt. 1:6 - Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon.

"her that had been the wife of Urias"

-Bathsheba, was a Hittite, another heathen.
-She committed adultery with David.

-So, we see four Gentile women, heathens.
-Their character was disreputable.
-But still they are in the genealogy of Jesus Christ.

-All of these women were outcasts, *came from people who were enemies of Israel*

-What is it that we can learn from all of this?

1) Jesus is the Light of the Gentiles

2) Jesus is the Saviour of all men. - Amen, *not just the Jews*

3) No matter how disreputable a person's character might be.

-No matter how great a sinner a person might be.

-Grace, mercy, forgiveness and salvation can

be found in the person of the Lord Jesus!!! Amen & Amen.

-Jesus said, in John 6:37 - "...and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

-If Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba could come and not be cast out, don't you think that you can come to Jesus if you have never come and not be cast out?

-No matter what your sin big or small, Jesus says Come. - *He 7:25*

-Won't you come if you have never come and call upon His name for salvation and have your name written down the Lamb's Book of Life.

-Christian, this is wonderful message that we have to proclaim not only this time of year but everyday of the year.

-That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;"

-Or will you be like the Artic river frozen at the ~~lips?~~

-The choice is yours.

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