



Dear Friends, Family, & Partners:
The prophet Isaiah tells us in 9:6,
***"For a child will be born to us, a
son will be given to us."***

While Mary bore a child, God gave a
Son. It is the most profound
miracle in all of human history.

Last Sunday Bob preached on the odds of the sixteen specific prophecies in the Old Testament about His birth, made over a period of some 1,000 years, actually being fulfilled by one person. According to one scholar, it would be the chance of one in 100 quadrillion! (Dr. Peter W. Stoner, Chairman of the Departments of Mathematics and Astronomy at Pasadena City College in his book, Science Speaks).

Sadly, traditions and superficial examination of scripture cause us to often miss what really happened with Christ was born. While visible things were seen, spiritual realities were often missed. Behind the scenes far more happened than the birth of a baby and future king. When Christ was born, . . .

***Deity Invaded Humanity
Eternity Encompassed Time
The Truth Destroyed the Lie
Light Banished Darkness
Royalty Became Poverty
Righteousness Became Sin
The Creator Became Creation's Redeemer***

Think about that! What an amazing event took place! The Apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 4:4 and following, ***"But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons"***.

It is our prayer this day that you never forget that miracle . . . when Mary bore a child, God gave His Son . . . just for you and us. Isaac Watts said it best ---- ***"Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all!"***

Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!

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