



For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.

### **PART 1 • Christmas is about a cosmic war of infinite magnitude where God redeemed His creation from the power of the devil.**

1. The Christmas story is the account of a loving, supernatural Father redeeming His children from the power of sin and spiritual darkness! The magnitude of this conflict is beyond our ability to understand or imagine.
2. Genesis 3:15 is the first prophecy and announcement of the Gospel about the Messiah (Christ), who through His death on the Cross and Resurrection would defeat Satan, the serpent, with an eternal death blow.
  - God as a Warrior — Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed (Christ); He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.* (Colossians 2:15)
  - Galatians 4:4 *But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law...*
  - His Church as a warrior — Romans 16:20 *The God of peace will soon crush Satan under YOUR feet.*
  - Satan's final end — Revelation 20:7-10 *...The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*
3. Although they disobeyed God's command not to eat of the tree in the middle of the garden, God's fight was NOT against Adam and Eve but against our enemy, the devil, who enticed them.
  - Christ died FOR the sinner and destroyed all the work of the enemy (1 John 3:8).
  - 1 Peter 1:18-21 *...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory,...*
4. On the cross Christ became our sin and we received His Righteousness — a right standing before a Perfect God!
  - 2 Corinthians 5:21 *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*
  - Colossians 2:13-15 *And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*
5. In the midst of conquering the devil, Christ came to save, to heal, and to restore!
  - Isaiah 61:1-3 *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me (the Messiah) to preach (declare) good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives (taken by external forces), and the opening of the prison (in bondage by our own doing) to those who are bound;...*