

Great Swamp Baptist Church

December 26, 2021

Joy to the World

He will be a joy and delight to you,
and many will rejoice because of his birth...

LUKE 1:14

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call To Worship

Hymn # 87

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

Invocation

Freddie Malphrus

Selections of Praise & Worship

Hymn # 177

“There’s Something About That Name”

Scripture Reading

Hymn # 113

“We Three Kings”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Joyce Gamo

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Amelia Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344

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*From
Pastor*



Just Who Is That Child? (Part 2)

(John 1:1-14)

Intro: On our last message, we used our imagination to visualize what we called Bethlehem Medical University hospital more than 2000 years ago. We, also, visualized that the hospital had a nursery wing with, as in the old days, a large glass window in the hallway in which you could look in and see all the newborn babies.

Now, on one particular day, there was a new arrival to the nursery that had everyone out in the hallway carrying on a big discussion as to who the new child was because instead of laying Him in a nice new hospital baby bed, they laid Him in an animal feeding trough or sometimes called a manger.

So, in our last message, we sought to answer the question that the folks in our imagination were asking just who was and is that Child, and with the Word of God we were able, in reality, to answer that question, and the answer to that question was that this Child was not your typical Child because He was called, “Immanuel, which means God with us.” (Matt. 1:22-23).

However,, the story doesn't end there for this non-typical Child was also a typical Child. For although we discovered that He was and is God with us, we also were told by the Apostle John that He was God in the flesh. (John 1:14). So, the flesh aspect of the Child is the same typical flesh that all human beings are with. He was a Child with a body like any other Child.

So, who was and is the Child? Well He's both God and man. This message will look at the humanity side of the Child in the manger, of course, who we know to be Jesus Christ our Lord. Thus we will finish answering the question, who is that Child?

I. First, let us notice what Paul says about the humanity of Jesus. (II Cor. 5:16, Phil. 2:5-11).

The first reference that we are looking at, the Apostle Paul tells us that before he became a Believer in Christ, that he only viewed Jesus from a human point of view. In other words, he saw Jesus as nothing more than being that of a man in human flesh and not being God.

However, now that he has been saved and serves the Lord, he no longer views Christ as flesh and blood merely for he has moved on beyond that . (2 Cor. 5:16). Now, Paul doesn't want us to understand from that , that he doesn't believe that Jesus really did become a man. For the next set of verses of his that we are looking at, clearly reveals beyond no shadow of doubt that Jesus indeed took upon Him flesh and blood and became a man. What he meant was that he now understood that Jesus was not just a man but God also, and when you view Christ you have to see that He was and is man and also God.

However, let us look at the other text of Scripture that leaves no doubt that Paul believed and preached that Jesus Christ became a human being like the rest of us just without the sin which we all inherited, because He was born of a virgin. Here is what Paul said, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in human appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God highly exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus Christ every knee shall bow, in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:5-10).

II. Second, let us notice what John says about the humanity of Jesus. (I John 4:1-3; II John 7; I John 2:22-23).

When it comes to the Apostle John's point concerning the humanity of Jesus, he is the one who so beautifully combined both the deity of Jesus and the humanity of Jesus together with a verse we've mentioned in the introduction. "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father full of grace and truth." (John 1:14). Now, the majority of Christians know that the reference to, "The Word" is referring to Christ, and John told us that in the same chapter that, "The Word was God." (1:1). Thus Jesus (God) became flesh (human being).

Now, in John's epistles, he came around with great strength and force to warn us all that if you don't believe that Jesus Christ became a man then you aren't a true believer.

"Dear friends do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard in coming and even now is already in the world." (I John 4:1-3). John repeats this same warning again in his next little epistle. (II John vs. 7).

However, John clearly wants us to know that you can't call yourself a Christian, not only if you don't believe He was God as well. For He said in this epistle these words, "Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist—he denies the Father and the Son, no one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also." (I John 2:22-23).

So, let us cast all doubts aside and with John declare that if you are going to be a follower of Jesus Christ you must believe that He was and is God and He became a man.

II. Third, let us consider what the writer of Hebrews says about the humanity of Jesus. (Heb. 2:14-18).

Now, so far we've looked at both the Apostle John and Paul's declarations that Jesus the Son of God became a man and took human flesh and blood. The writer of Hebrews does a beautiful job of telling us why Jesus had to become a man and take human flesh and blood upon Himself. So, let us look at that purpose for His humanity.

"Since the children have flesh and blood, He (Jesus) too shared I their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is the devil—and free those who all of their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels He helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason He had to be made like His brothers in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. (Heb. 2:14-18).

What Hebrews is telling us here is that we as human beings fell into the trap of Satan at the beginning and as the results we came under the consequences of death, hell and separation from God.

So, if Jesus was going to have to save us then, He was going to have to become a man to do so and do for us in the flesh what we couldn't do ourselves. He had to live a perfect life for us in the flesh, which God required of us. Then He had to also become flesh so He could die for us which is the punishment and price that God required from us, and since God required that the sacrifice for us had to be a perfect one then Jesus alone could be that sacrifice required of God.

Now, since Jesus was God from eternity past and will ever be He had to become flesh to die for us and in our place. So, as a man He could die in our place, as God He could overcome death and raise up out of the grave. One more thing about Him becoming a man, Hebrews tells us that because He became a man He could understand the battles we face as human beings and sympathize with us and help us in our times of suffering and temptations. Praise be unto our God He understands.

Concl. The Apostle Paul for me wrapped up very well just who the Child was that was laid in the manger. "Beyond all question, the mystery of Godliness is great: He (Jesus) appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up to glory." (1 Tim.3:16).

So, now that we know just who the Child was and is, what will you do about Him? I pray as Paul said in this verse that you are one of those in the world that believe in Him. For He alone, because He was fully God and fully man can save you from your sins, give you victory over death and help you with a sympathizing ear in your time of need.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



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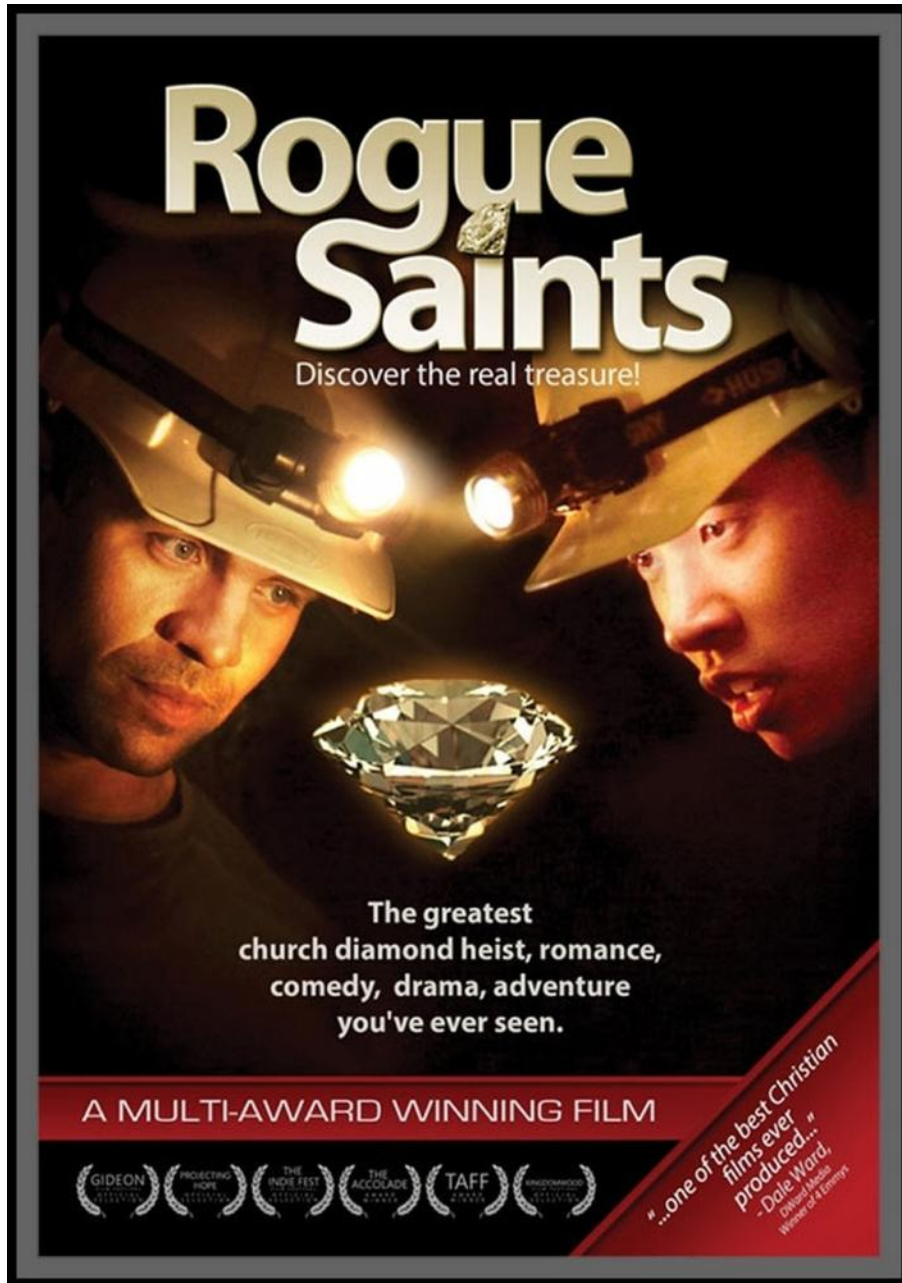
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Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

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<i>Diane Hannah</i>	

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

*Jessica Cleland
Steve Crosby
Heather Betz
Randy Bethune
Jason Holt*

Cancer / Treatments

*Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Raj's Mother*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

Family of

Other Health Needs

*Lloyd Way
Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Keith Gamo
Pinky Rushing
Phyllis Sutler
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Shelby Green
Karen Phillipi
Bertha Kinard
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Kenny Hay
Lee Martin
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Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
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Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 5,575.00	\$ 4,982.47	+\$ 592.53
Online Offerings	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Benevolence</i>	\$ 120.00	*****	\$ 254.09
<i>Lottie Moon Offering</i>	\$ 944.00	*****	\$ 1,526.50
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 89.00	*****	\$ 193.89
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$ 145.00	*****	\$ 186.95
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 230.00	*****	\$ 231.32
<i>Sojourners Sunday School Class</i>	\$ 23.00	*****	\$ 175.76
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 599.43

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Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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