

ADVENT

{4th Week – Sunday, December 18, 2016 A.D.}

Themes: {Birth, “God With Us”, Worship and Christ’s Ministry † }

Luke 2:1-7

¹ Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ² This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. ⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, ⁵ in order to register along with **Mary**, who was engaged to him, and **was with child**. ⁶ While they were there, **the days were completed for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son**; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Galatians 4:4-5

⁴ But when **the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law**, ⁵ so that He might redeem **those who were under the Law**, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Hebrews 2:17

¹⁷ Therefore, He **had to** be made like **His brethren** in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, **to make propitiation for the sins of the people**.

2 Corinthians 5:21

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 1:13-22

¹³ **For He . . . transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. . . .**
¹⁹ For it was the *Father's* good pleasure . . . through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, **having made peace through the blood of His cross; . . . He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—**.

Hebrews 10:1-10

¹ For **the Law**, since it has *only* a **shadow of the good things to come** and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had **consciousness of sins**? ³ But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵ Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, **BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME**;" ⁶ IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE. ⁷ "THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, **I HAVE COME** (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) **TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD**.'" ⁸ After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE *in them*" (which are offered according to the Law), ⁹ then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL." He takes away the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ By this will we have been **sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all**.

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus said* to him, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me**."

Acts 4:12

¹² "And **there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved**."

1 Timothy 2:5

⁵ For there is **one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**,

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