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"And an highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness."

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## Christmas Greetings



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By H. S. Dow

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." II Cor. 8:9.

The Apostle Paul wrote the foregoing to the church at Corinth in an effort to stir them up to give of their wealth to support the needy Christians in other places. He had set before them the liberality of the poor saints of Macedonia, whom he said gave beyond their power, for, though they were suffering great affliction and deep poverty, had entreated the apostle to receive their gifts for the poor saints in Judea. Then, as a final appeal he calls their attention, in the words of our text, to the sacrifice that Jesus made, that we might be lifted out of the abject poverty of sin and be made rich in eternal things.

There are various meanings to the word rich. When men of the world speak of riches, they are usually thinking of an abundance of material things as money, stocks, bonds, houses, lands, etc. When the Word of God speaks of riches, it often means something quite different from material wealth. Solomon said, "the blessing of the Lord maketh rich." The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "We were poor but we made many rich." He also spoke of the "unsearchable riches of Christ." He certainly did not mean material riches, for our Lord himself said he had none, He declared "the foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head." Notwithstanding, John says "All things were made by Him." John 1:3.

"Though He was rich:" It is quite impossible for the human mind to understand just what the "riches of Christ" consisted of before He became poor for our sakes. We might call it the honor conferred upon Him as the Son of God, sitting on the right hand of the Father, the object of worship of all heavenly beings, for, said the Father, "let all the angels of God worship Him". Paul says, "He, (Jesus), was the brightness of God's Glory, and the express image of His person." That meant riches untold.

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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

**"Now the birth of Jesus was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.**

**"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS:**

**"Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, "God with us."**

**"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.**

**"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying: Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."**

VERY GOD AND VERY MAN

By Rev. John Stevenson

No part of the Scripture is being attacked with more vehemence and growing hostility than the birth story of Jesus Christ. No part of the Christian doctrine is more important for saving faith, than the Virgin Birth of our Lord. The vicariousness and efficacy of the atonement depend upon it. It is the starting point of God's work for the redemption of man. It is the foundation stone for our Christian structure. It is the proof of Christ's Deity. It is the basis of His sinless life. It is the fulfilment of God's promise that a virgin would conceive and bear a child. Therefore, "Let God be true, but every man a liar".

The key verse to the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel is, I believe, Isaiah 9:6—"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given". Looking at this chapter, we find that it is divided into two parts. We first have the genealogy, and secondly we have the actual fact of His birth. The first has to do with His earthly origin, and the second has to do with His heavenly pre-existence. Here, the inspired evangelist writes with historical records the name "Jesus Christ"; the Jesus of time and the Christ of eternity. What wealth lies buried in the genesis of the New Testament for those, who with patient, believing hearts seek for it. "Jesus Christ the Son of David, the Son of Abraham — Emmanuel, which means, God with us." Paul said in substance the same thing in his letter to the church at Rome: "Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness".

As we look through the genealogical record of our Lord Jesus, we become very conscious of certain truths which draw us nearer, in adoration and admiration, to the Son of God. The humiliation of God's eternal Son overwhelms us when we realize that, "He became in the likeness of men". To do this, we are told that, "He made himself of no reputation" (emptied Himself). In other words, He laid aside the form of God in order that He might reveal Himself to men in a body which had been prepared for Him.

The prepared body was not only in the like-

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