

Your Christmas gift – wrapped in swaddling clothes!

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*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel [God with us].*
Isaiah 7:14

*The angel said to Joseph:
She [Mary] will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.*
Matthew 1:21

And I will put enmity between you [Satan] and the woman, and between your seed and her seed.
Genesis 3:15

It talks here about the seed of the woman, although the seed actually always comes from the man; it thus points towards the virgin birth. The seed of the woman was Jesus, the enduring, eternal Word of God, the Seed of God. Mary became pregnant with the Seed of God, the Word of God, which the angel Gabriel brought her, and the Word became flesh and lived among us – that was and is Jesus.



God was, as it were, looking for a “surrogate mother” who would bear the “Word of God”, since Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, not by Joseph. Jesus was without sin. Had Jesus been fathered by Joseph, he would not have been without sin but would have been tainted by the curse that came into this world through Adam and has been passed down from generation to generation.

I once heard of a man who left his heirs nothing but debts. Adam did the same. He left us a curse, disease, sin and death. Everyone born into this world is tainted with Adam’s legacy. Only Jesus came into the world without this hereditary burden because Adam was not his father, God was. Jesus was as sinless as Adam was before the Fall. The blood of Jesus atones in our spirit for the spiritual-genetic defect that we got from Adam and we are, as it were, de-sinned. We return to a state of innocence, purity and sinlessness. We gain a new spirit, a new heart. The legacy that Jesus left us is blessing, health, righteousness and eternal life.

By being born again, we can escape Adam’s family tree and be born into Jesus’ family tree. Being born again is just as supernatural as the virgin birth. Mary received the Word of God, the Son of God, and new life was created in her. If someone hears, believes and receives the word of God, they are born again. They receive divine life in their spirit. Jesus is born in us and starts to live and dwell in our spirit.

*For you have been born again, not of perishable seed,
but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*
1 Peter 1:23

Jesus is unique. No one has ever been like him. God gave his unique Son for us so that we could also become unique, becoming as sinless, holy and righteous as he is. Being not only citizens of earth but also citizens of heaven. Jesus had to become like us so that we could become like him. Anyone who misses this gift of God misses out on life. They live detached from reality, because life from God starts only once we get to know Jesus, the Son of God, and receive him and follow him.