

L3: The Son of The Highest: Glory to God in the Highest

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- Fact & Fiction of Christmas
- Christmas not the date of Christ's birth, but a time to celebrate the birth of Christ
- The birth of Christ foreknown, foretold, fulfilled, and fulness
- Hebrews 2
 - Came as a man, born of a woman

Sermon Preview

- **The Birth of Christ Fulfilled**
- **The Fulness of the Birth of Christ**
- **The Meaning of the Birth of Christ**

Sermon

- **The Birth of Christ Fulfilled**
 - **Fulfilled -**
 - **Pre-birth**
 - Luke 1:5-25 - Gabriel to Zacharias
 - Luke 1:26-38 - Gabriel to Mary
 - Luke 1:39-56 - Mary & Elizabeth
 - Luke 1:57-80 - Elisabeth gives birth/Zacharias prophesy
 - Matthew 1:18-25
 - **Birth**
 - Luke 2:1-7 - taxed leading to Bethlehem/Mary gives birth
 - **Post Birth**
 - Luke 2:8-15 - shepherds by night
 - Luke 2:16-20 - Mary's response
 - Luke 2:21 - circumcision
 - Luke 2:22-24 - present to the Lord
 - Luke 2:25-35 - Simeon
 - Luke 2:36-38 - Anna
 - Luke 2:39-40 - return to Nazareth
 - Matthew 2:1-23 - wise men from the east (2 years old)
 - **The Fulness of the Birth of Christ**
 - Luke 1:32ff
 - "great" - "great nation"
 - "the Son of the Highest" - Isaiah 14
 - "throne of His father David" - Isaiah 9:6ff

- Luke 1:69ff
 - "horn of salvation for us"
 - "saved from our enemies"
 - "to perform mercy promised to our fathers"
 - "prophet of the Highest"

- Luke 2:11ff
 - "in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"
 - "glory to God in the Highest"

- When He came in the first coming to second time
 - Veiled coming - glory and majesty veiled - second time His humanity will be veiled
 - The Apocalypse - (uncovering)
 - Star - all stars fall
 - Wise men bring gifts - He will bring gifts
 - No room for Him - all earth filled with glory
 - Only few attended arrival - all eyes see Him
 - Helpless babe - King of kings
 - Peace, good will toward men - war and judgment
 - Romans 15:8 - :9-12

- When we speak of the birth of Christ in its' fulness or what it is accomplished and done by it we not only look ahead, but we look behind.

- The birth of Christ is much like the Cross, in that, it is a means to fulness.

- When solely looking at the scriptures without the Paul's epistles we see fulness, we see death, life, the birth of Christ, we see God's promises, we see God's people, we see earthly vocatiuon, we see Israel's influence of the Gentiles, we see redemption, love and grace.
 - This and more looks complete, but only complete from the eyes of one of the created. This alone with its' future fulness looks like that's it, but only from those who do the work, not from the mind of the architect.

- Redemption is not God's fulness, it is not Christ's fulness, it is the necessary means to fulness to God's original purpose.

- God's purpose is two-fold, but more accurately it is "eternal"
 - It has been the subject of His counsel, the focus of His will, the expectation of His inheritance and simply understanding "the fulness" of what God does with the earth and world through and by Israel and Christ is to know only in part of God's eternal purpose, which is not fulness.

- Romans 9:33-36
 - Ephesians 1:7-12
 - Ephesians 3:8-12, 15
 - 1 Timothy 6:13-16
 - POTENTATE, n. A person who possesses great power or sway; a prince; a sovereign; an emperor, king or monarch.

Exalting him not only above earthly princes and potentates, but above the highest of the celestial hierarchy.

The Meaning of the Birth of Christ

- Hebrews 2 - needs to come a man the way man comes to deliver man from death
- Philippians 2 - the mind of Christ
- The Shepherds
- No Room
- Animals
- Manger - Luke 2:7,12,16
 - A trough or box in which fodder is laid for cattle, or the place in which horses and cattle are fed.
- The mind in all our instructions
 - Romans 12-13