

CHRISTMAS MIRACLE
Matthew 1:1-17

Miracle - a surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency.

Divine Authenticity – The “authenticity” of Christ’s birth is essential to our “assurance” of salvation!

Genealogical records go back as far as **Genesis 5:1** - “The book of the generations (family) of Adam.”

Christ - The Son of David -

(Isaiah 11:1) There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Christ – The Son of Abraham - Promise of Messiah - Genesis 12:3.

Jesus discourse with Pharisees - **John 8:37-47.**

If Christ’ ancestry was not of the line of King David, (authentic) His claim to be the “Son of God”

Divine Autonomy.

Autonomy – self-governing, freedom to act. Or function independently.

As with our own “family tree,” we find in Christ’ lineage the *good, bad, and ugly!*

(v.12), Jeconiah (1 Chronicles 3:16, 17) - (aka) Jehoiachin, (2 Kings 24:6-15); Coniah (Jeremiah 22:24).

He “Did evil in the sight of the Lord.” God “cursed” Jeconiah, a direct descendant of King David.

Jeremiah 22:28-30 - "Is this man Coniah a despised, broken idol — A vessel in which is no pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and his descendants, And cast into a land which they do not know? O earth, earth, earth, Hear the word of the Lord! Thus says the Lord: 'Write this man down as childless, A man who shall not prosper in his days; For none of his descendants shall prosper, Sitting on the throne of David, And ruling anymore in Judah.'"

What Satan fails to realize is that when there is “no way,” our God, according to His divine autonomy (sovereignty) is a **“way maker!”**

Mary a descendant of King David was a remedy for Jeconiah’s curse - Luke 3:23-38

(Luke 3:23) Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli.

“Divine Autonomy” - (Isaiah 43:13) “Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?”

APPLICATION: (v.17)

1) Let us walk in Christ’s authenticity.

(Hebrews 10:22, 23) Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

2) Let us rest in Christ’s autonomy.

(Micah 7:8) Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, The Lord will be a light to me.

CONCLUSION:

(1 John 4:9) In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.