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What the angels told the shepherds: “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

What Holy Spirit revealed to Paul: “This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” 1 Timothy 1:15

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.” Galatians 4:4-5

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- 3. By naming the baby he exercised a father's prerogative and officially took him into his family as his own legal son.**

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