

2 Timothy 1:13–14 (NLT) — “Hold on to the pattern of **wholesome teaching** you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. 14 Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, **carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.**”

Today we turn our attention to the Unique Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ

- Isaiah 7:14
- Matthew 1:18-23

*The **FIRST** reason why the virgin birth is so critical to us is because of our **GREATEST NEEDS***

1. We need a _____ Savior.

This is based on TWO FACTS:

1. Man’s sinfulness
 - Genesis 2:16-17
 - Romans 5:12
2. God’s holiness
 - Isaiah 57:15, 43:15, 59:2
 - Habakkuk 1:13

We were born with the nature and inclination to sin:

- Romans 5:12 - everyone sinned
- Romans 3:23 - the penalty for sin is death
 - Eternal separation from God

We need someone who could deal with humanity’s problem with God because of our sin:

- Joshua 24:19
- 1 Samuel 2:2

2. We need a _____.

Job 9:33

By virtue of His virgin birth Jesus is both all God and all man... The proclamation that Jesus is the **Son of GOD** has two meanings:

1. He shares God’s ESSENCE
2. He is God’s authorized REPRESENTATIVE

The proclamation that Jesus is the **Son of MAN** also has two meanings:

1. He shares our human ESSENCE
2. He is man’s authorized REPRESENTATIVE

1 Timothy 2:5, 1 John 2:1

3. We need a _____ Sacrifice.

The whole emphasis of the Bible is on Redemption by the shedding of the Savior’s blood

- Why were OT animal sacrifices necessary?
- Why did Jesus have to shed His blood?

Hebrews 9:22 (NLT) — “In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.”

There are **43 references** to the blood of Christ in the NT, all testifying to its great importance in the salvation and daily life of the believer

- Matthew 27:4, 1 Peter 1:19, 1 John 1:7, Rev 1:5, Acts 20:28, Ephesians 1:7

4. We need a _____ Savior.

Romans 5:7-8

1 John 2:2

When God sent His Son, Jesus Christ to the cross, He offered Him as a substitute sin bearer in the place of guilty sinners who make up the entire human race

No other person could have made such a sacrifice but the virgin-born Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, Son of God

Acts 4:12

Wrap-Up (How do you respond?)

1. Recognize your greatest need today
2. Remember who Jesus really is
3. Reach out to someone you know and help them find Jesus and the gift of forgiveness

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