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Why was Jesus born?

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In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." ¹³And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."

On the very first Christmas Eve, earth was oblivious to what was happening, but heaven wasn't.

The innumerable holy angels were waiting in anticipation to break forth in praise and worship and adoration to the birth of a new-born child.

God had sent His Son for the salvation.

First Christmas Eve there was a farewell going on in heaven.

The Son said goodbye to the Father!

Jesus is speaking to the Father, and this is what He said that first Christmas Eve.

Hebrews 10:5-9, *Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. ⁶In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.' "* ⁸*Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), ⁹then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second.*

Jesus Christ bid farewell to His Father and began a journey that was to end 33 years later on the cross. Then through a resurrection, to be glorified and exalted and restored back into heaven to the glory that He knew before He came.

The body of Christ was divinely prepared by God to be the instrument which was to bring God to men, and which was to be the perfect sacrifice for sin.

So, Jesus came with all the fanfare of heaven as angels waited to sing their praise and shout their praise and shout their praise, and there wasn't any fanfare on earth.

The Holy Spirit had taken nine months to accomplish His work in the womb of Mary a body inhabited by the second person of the Trinity.

The fullness of time was come when Jesus would be made of a woman, and thus that body came.

Why was Jesus born?

Why did He come?

To present God?

Yes.

To teach truth?

Yes.

To fulfil law?

Yes.

To offer His kingdom?

Yes.

To teach those who did not understand about God?

Yes.

To reveal love?

Yes.

To bring peace?

Yes.

To heal the sick?

Those are secondary reasons why He came.

There is really one primary reason and purpose.

Jesus came to suffer and to die!

Bethlehem only happened so Calvary could happen.

Jesus was born to die.

Man was meant to have dominion over everything, but he fell in sin, and he lost his dominion.

When God created Adam, it was great and then man fell, and he lost his kingship.

The angels who waited in anticipation finally broke forth in praise and adoration. Even the shepherds in the fields heard them.

In order to make man the king of the earth. He died to recreate men into a creature that God had always intended man to be.

He died to make a man what man was meant to be, but without Him could never be.

1. **Jesus our substitute.**
2. **Jesus' captain of our salvation.**
3. **Jesus our sanctifier.**

1. Jesus our Substitute

V 9, But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Jesus came to die. He came to die for every man.

He came as a substitute.

Ezekiel 18:4, *“Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father As well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die.*

Romans 6:23, *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Sin, by virtue of the justice of God, is punished by death.

If I then sin, I will die.

If I bear my own punishment and I die, I die physically, spiritually, and eternally, and am sentenced to an eternal hell without God.

God looked into this world, and He saw men who were going to die because of sin.

He said because of His love, "I will not allow all men to die in their sin. I will send someone else to bear their punishment, to die their death."

Jesus came to be my substitute!

When He was nailed on the cross, He died for me, and He died for you. He died my death, paid my penalty.

God had only alternative had either He punishes us for our sin, or else He substitutes someone else in our place, and they pay our penalty.

Jesus came to be our substitute, the exalted second person of the Trinity, the divine Son of God.

God in flesh humbled Himself, came to earth to die my death, to provide for me an escape from eternal hell.

- The sinless One became sin,
- The living One died,
- The perfect One became the punished One.

Not because He deserved, but because I deserved it, and He was my substitute.

There are five clauses that detail His substitutionary death.

a) Made lower than Angels

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels,

Jesus Christ, for all eternity past and all eternity present and all eternity future, was not and is not and never will be again lower than the angels. He is, by His very essence as God, higher than angels.

Hebrews 1:4-8, *having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. ⁵For to which of the angels did He ever say: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”? And again: “I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son”? ⁶But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: “Let all the angels of God worship Him.” ⁷And of the angels He says: “Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire.” ⁸But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever*

and ever; A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Your kingdom.

Hebrews 1:13, *But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”?*

Jesus Christ is better than angels by His very nature He is God.

who was made a little lower than the angels,

Creator of angels, the head of angels, the Lord of Hosts, the one who before His incarnation had been worshiped by angels, for a little while became lower than angels for our sakes.

Wicked men who did not want God and did not know God and for our sakes, Christ became lower than angels.

Jesus had to come to man’s level, his sinful level, to pick man up and lift him to His level. So, Jesus for a little while was made lower than the angels.

b) He died.

for the suffering of death

The greatest proof that Christ was lower than angels was that He died.

He was made lower than angels in order to die. It's also true that He was made lower than angels, and that is shown to us, because He died.

Jesus did something no angel can ever or will ever be able to do.

Jesus came to this earth to do something that angels can't do.

- Jesus came to die.
- Angels can't die.

Death is reserved for mortals. When Jesus died, He proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that, indeed, for a little time He was made lower than angels.

The depth of His humiliation extended to death something angels couldn't even do.

"The suffering of death."

When Jesus died it wasn't just an easy gentle passing from this world, it was excruciating agony and torture on a cross.

No creature was capable of this, only Jesus Christ could be our substitute.

It had to be someone who was totally man to pay man's penalty, and totally God to have victory over death.

He had to be the perfect combination of total God and total man.

Christ undertook a work that was far above the power of angels.

He undertook a work that no angel could ever do, far beyond their capacity.

Yet to do that He became lower than angels.

- God is higher than angels.
- Men are lower than angels.

Christ was at the same time higher than angels in His power, lower than angels in His humiliation the perfect combination.

c) Died for everyone.

V 9, *might taste death for everyone.*

Jesus came to die for us, and He tasted death.
He drank the bitter cup at Calvary.

The death He tasted was a total death, every possible angle is involved.

- The death He tasted was the curse which sin brings, for He bore your sin.
- The death He tasted was the penalty of the broken law.
- The death He tasted was the full manifestation of the power of the devil thrown at Him.
- The death He tasted was the full expression of the wrath of God coming upon Him because of His bearing sin.

Jesus Christ gathered up death and tasted every bit of it for us, and He was guilty of nothing.

He was without sin, but He tasted it for every man.

Christ by tasting death and being my substitute, I am free from the bondage of God's justice, which must bring death, and I am liberated to experience God's grace and God's love.

2 Corinthians 5:21, *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

d) God's grace displayed

by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Do you know why Jesus came?

Not because we asked for Him or deserved Him, but because God graciously designed it.

Salvation comes from God.

The free lovingkindness, the undeserved and unmerited grace of God.

We don't earn it.

We didn't do something.

Solely and only and singularly based on His sovereign good will did Christ come to this world.

Why, do you realize that not anybody in this universe could have brought Christ and taken His life if it hadn't have been in the sovereign design of God?

John 10:18, *No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."*

Romans 5:8, *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

We didn't deserve it.
We didn't ask for it.
God freely gave it.

We don't beg for a gift.
God gave His Son, and His love was overwhelming.

He looked at sinful man, He saw the inevitability of death and hell, and He said, "My love will not leave that as the only option," and He sent His Son to die in your place.

e) God exalted Jesus.

"He was crowned with crowned with glory and honour.

When Jesus Christ finished His task God gave Him glory.

God exalted Him.

Philippians 2:8-11, *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those*

under the earth, ¹¹and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus humiliated Himself and God exalted Him, crowned Him with glory and honour.

Jesus Christ died for us as our substitute.

God thought so much of what Jesus did that He highly exalted Him and gave Him a name above every other name in the universe.

Who do you think you are not to give Christ the glory He deserves?

God did. If you don't, you have concluded that you are superior in judging the qualities of Christ to God.

If God esteems Jesus Christ, if God exalts Jesus Christ, who are you to do less?

2. Jesus' captain of our salvation.

V 10, *For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

Jesus became our salvation captain in His death.

The word "captain" translated from Greek word **archgos**.

The word **archgos** means
Pioneer,
Leader,
Author, and
Trailblazer.

The same word used in **Hebrews 12:2**, *looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

- It means anyone who begins something that others follow in.
- It could be somebody who brings a family that others are born into.
- It could be somebody that founds a city where others come to live.
- It could be somebody that blazes a trail that others follow.

Jesus Christ is our perfect trailblazer that leads the path to glory. God, by making a perfect trailblazer, can gather up His sons, and they can follow their captain into glory.

V 10, *For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory.*

It pleased God who does all things for His glory, who made all

It pleased Him to make this captain perfect, so that He could blaze the trail into the Father's presence and bring along with Him all the sons that God had designed to enter into glory.

Hebrews 5:8-9, *though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,*

Jesus Christ is the perfect leader. Through death He not only was a substitute, but a perfect leader, a perfect trailblazer.

There is no way to get to God apart from Jesus Christ.

John 14:6, *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

The way to God is blocked by sin.

We cannot enter into God's glory.

We can't get to heaven on our own merit.

Somebody must blaze the trail.

The only way to ever open up God's presence to us is to get rid of sin. Once sin is taken care of, we can enter His presence.

Jesus Christ came, died, paid for our sin, and thus opened up the trail so that we could enter the presence of God.

Jesus had to die to do it.

There's no way you can get into the presence of God when there's unpunished sin.

Jesus had to suffer to be the perfect leader.

He couldn't lead us to God unless He had paid the price of sin. Through His suffering, He became the perfect pioneer, the perfect leader, the perfect trailblazer.

Only by dying for us could He open the path.

He opened it wide so that many sons can come to glory by following Jesus Christ.

The cross was a masterpiece. God exhibited a solution to the problem which no human intelligence could ever answer.

How does God communicate mercy and grace to a sinful people?

He brought mercy and justice together at the cross.

Christ paid the penalty, bore an eternity of judgment in three hours, and yet He was not destroyed.

3. Jesus our sanctifier.

V 11, *For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren*

Jesus Christ is holy, and He is capable of making us holy.

We are the holy ones in verse 11.

He is holy, and they who are holy are one through His death.

Through His death and our faith in Him, believing and receiving Him as Saviour, we are declared holy.

Before God by your faith in Jesus Christ, you are holy if you know Christ.

There is still sin in our lives but positionally before God, we are holy.

When Christ died on the cross, He paid for every sin.

God cannot hold me responsible in terms of judgment for any sin.

Romans 8:1, *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit*

It all was on Christ at the cross. God therefore says, “Positionally because of your faith in Christ, you are holy.”

He has paid for every sin you will ever commit.
That is not license, because love doesn't let it be.

If you know Jesus Christ, you are holy.

What is holy?

Perfectly righteous.

Even the Corinthians who were all messed up in terms of their practice, He says, “Now are you holy.”

We are saints.

We are holy before God.

There is never a sin recorded against us, never.

We are holy. He that sanctifies or makes holy, and they who are holy are one.

Positionally, if Christ has paid for all my sin and bore it all, God's records declare that I am holy.

He took my sin and gave me His righteousness.

He took my iniquity and gave me His holiness.

Hebrews 10:10, *By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

How are you made holy?

You were made holy through the offering of Jesus Christ's body.

How many times?

For how many people?

All.

You became holy by virtue of the sacrifice of Christ, not by Christian activity.

We endeavour to become more like Christ.

We strive in practice to be what we are in position.

But positionally, you were made absolutely holy by His death in your behalf when you received Him as Saviour.

Hebrews 10:14, *For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*

If you have ever been made holy, you have been made holy forever.

Beloved do not believe that once you have received the imputed holiness of Jesus Christ there is anything in this universe that could ever take it away.

You have been perfected forever through the offering of His body and if you could lose it, then Jesus didn't do it right.

V 12-13, saying: *"I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."* ¹³And again: *"I will put My trust in Him."* And again: *"Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."*

You are so holy that Jesus is not ashamed to call you.

We may have been ashamed of Christ but He never ashamed of me!

John 20:17, *Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"*

Jesus drew a parallel between a woman who was a professional prostitute and Himself by saying, "We both share the same God, the same Father. We are brothers."

Psalm 22 is in verse **12**.

Psalm 22:22, *I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.*

This is Old Testament truth.

The Messiah was going to call men His brothers.

V 13, He quotes out of Isaiah.

Isaiah 8:18, *Here am I and the children whom the Lord has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel From the Lord of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.*

How Jesus Christ identifies with other believers?

Together we are going to trust God.

I am going to take care of the brethren you give Me.

The Old Testament truth.

Christ calls us brother and without shame.

Let God help me from this Christmas, to act like what I am.