

What If Christ Had Never Been Born

Luke 2:11

INTRO: Normally, I do not like to say, "What if?" But I want to pose this question today; I want us to consider the sad situation if Christ had not been born.

Think of it! If Christ had not been born, we would not be here today for as Gentiles we would have no reason to come to the place of worship. If Christ had not been born, we would have nothing to sing about. There would be no, "Away In a Manger," no "Angels We Have Heard on High," nor would we sing, "Go Tell It On the Mountain." "Amazing Grace" would not have been written had it not been for the birth of Christ. We would not have "Blessed Assurance" without Christ's birth. If Christ had not been born, there would be no message of hope, nothing to preach about, no Gospel. If Christ had not been born, He would not have died; and if He did not die, He would not be our risen Savior. Paul says, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (I Cor 15:14).

What is Christ had never been born?

- I. IF CHRIST HAD NOT BEEN BORN HE COULD NOT HAVE DIED FOR SINNERS
 - A. Christ was born to die! If He had not been born of a virgin, if He had not taken on flesh and lived a sinless life, He could not have died as our sinless Savior!
 - B. Christ came as the perfect sacrifice for sinners.
 1. He came to be one of us, to feel our hurts and pains, to be tempted as we are, yet without sin (Heb 4:15).
 - a. To die for men's sins, He had to be one of us (II Cor 5:21).
 - b. Romans 5:8.
 2. Think of it, Christ, in a human body, became our Lamb of sacrifice. That is why He was born (Heb 10:4-8, 9-14).
- II. IF CHRIST HAD NEVER BEEN BORN MY SINS WOULD NOT BE FORGIVEN
 - A. If Christ had not been born, then His people, the elect, those who believe, would not be saved (Matt 1:21).
 - B. If Christ had not been born, His blood would not have been shed; and without the blood, we would not go to heaven (Eph 1:7, 11-13).
- III. IF CHRIST HAD NEVER BEEN BORN WE WOULD HAVE NO HOPE
 - A. Ephesians 2:12 explains the condition we were in before Christ was born.

1. We were:
 - a. "Without Christ," if He had not been born, we would still be without Him.
 - b. "Aliens from the common wealth of Israel"— we had not spiritual citizenship other than hell.
 - c. "Strangers from the covenants"—God made no covenants with the Gentile nations.
 - d. "Having no hope"—hopelessness as a cloud covered the ancient world because there was not message of hope.
 - e. "Without God"—yes, they had gods; but they did not have God. They did not know the true and living God.

2. Our old position contrasted with our new position.

| <u>Old Position</u> | <u>New Position</u> |
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| (Before Christ came)..... | (Since Christ came) |
| "Without Christ" | "In Christ" (Eph 2:13) |
| "Aliens" | "A holy nation" (I Pet 2:9) |
| "Strangers" | "No more strangers" (Eph 2:19) |
| No hope" | "Called in one hope (Eph 4:4) |
| "Without God" | "The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph 1:3) |

IV. IF CHRIST HAD NOT BEEN BORN THERE WOULD BE NO PEACE OR HOPE OF PEACE

- A. Because Christ came, I have peace in my heart (Eph 2:14a).
- B. We have "peace with God" (Rom 5:1) by faith in what the virgin born Son of God has done for sinners. The result of believing the Gospel is that the "peace of God" now guards our heart and mind.
- C. Also we can now look forward to a lasting world peace that will come when Christ rules the earth during the millennium.
 1. Christ is the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6-7).
 2. Christ will bring what the League of Nations and the United Nations has not and will never bring— "Peace"! (Isa 2:4) And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

CONCLUSION: Because Christ has come, because He was born, I can say: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Tim 1:12).