#### IN THE FIRST LIGHT

#### In the first light of the new day

Jesus Christ, from being born of a woman to His death and resurrection, was Eternal God in the flesh.

Genesis 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

1 John 1:5 ¶ This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

#### No one knew He had arrived. Things continued as they had been

Matthew 2:1-3 ¶ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. 3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Prior to the wise men inquiring of Christ who had been born of a woman, who is the King of the Jews, the government, [Herod], and all Jerusalem, [typifying the world], knew nothing of Christ's arrival. The wise men here being a picture of God's elect who witness the gospel of God's Son, throughout the fulness of times, (Ephesians 1:10):

## While a new born softly cried

Jesus groaned in the spirit, [the Holy Ghost], and was troubled, and wept.

John 11:32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 33 ¶

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, 34 And said, where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. 35 Jesus wept.

When all of scripture is compared with these statements, a two-edged sword, of the Lord is realized, (Revelation 2:12). On the one hand, Jesus, who is one with His elect disciples, is not a high priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of their infirmities.

Hebrews 2:17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 4:14-15 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

God has designed all babies to cry when they are first born, and Jesus was made like unto sinful mankind from birth on, and He, as God, would weep with His disciples concerning Lazarus death, while simultaneously, troubled by their lack of faith. So, it is not at all biblically unsound to see Christ's humility, [crying], immediately after birth. This is definitely not something to get hung up about; unless we are insensitive to how and why He came the first time, as the verses above begin to show.

### But the heavens wrapped in wonder knew the meaning of His birth

In, 2 Chronicles 6:21-27, God makes it clear from His word that, "the heavens", and, "wrapped in wonder", is Eternal Holy God Himself, who was born of a woman, liken unto sinful flesh, (Romans 8:3-4). And this heavenly babe wrapped in wonder is the first of God's elect, which makes it even possible that God's chosen people would be created as one

with God in Christ, 'the wise men', typifying the elect, throughout the fulness of times, who seek for the eternal life in Jesus Christ, (Ephesians 1:10):

Chronicles 6:21-27 Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive. 22 If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house; 23 Then hear thou from <u>heaven</u>, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness. 24 And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; 25 Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers. 26 When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them; 27 Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

1 Peter 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, <u>I lay in Sion a chief corner stone</u>, <u>elect</u>, <u>precious</u>: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

## In the weakness of a baby they knew God had come to earth

If God did not come in the weakness of a baby boy, born of a woman, [the virgin Mary, who, in herself was a sinner], none of mankind could ever have had hope of being God's elect in the flesh, (1 John 4:2-3). Only those truly born again will have the spiritual sensitivity, to understand the spiritual intimacy God reveals by the work of Jesus Christ God's only begotten

Son. If God doesn't literally, in body, soul, and spirit, become one with His people, individually, while in the earth, mankind has no hope of eternal life, but only eternal death in the grave.

All of scripture agrees with the idea that God, through the Holy Ghost, shall have a relationship with His people while on the earth, and how this relationship exists in the likeness of sinful flesh, (Romans 8:3-4), beginning with Jesus the Christ, with His heavenly Father:

John 14:9-10 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

John 17:17 ¶ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

Jesus Christ showed through many signs and wonders and miracles to be one with God, evidenced by His perfect obedience to His heavenly Father, proving, Christ IS THE WORD OF GOD, (Revelation 19:13). Therefore, His elect, who would follow, shall be sons of God, according to the Word of God who is Jesus Christ.

# John 17:14 <u>I have given them thy word</u>; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Christ perfectly obeyed His Fathers word, there-by proving, He too must be the embodiment of God's word. As the Father spoke God's word to the Son, so Christ speaks His Fathers word to us, by the Holy Ghost who is God; for Christ obeyed His Fathers Word perfectly, so that His elect, in the flesh, shall find the same spiritual truth and ability in themselves, according to God's will and good pleasure for each one.

God coming in the weakness of a baby on earth is an eternal picture of God's promise being fulfilled, that had been

ordained before the world began, (Titus 1:2); that His chosen elect would come to know the Love, and Mercy, and Peace, and Longsuffering of Jesus Christ, who abides in them; Jesus Christ who comes in the flesh of His elect, beginning with Himself, who is God's first elect, [the last Adam], (1 Corinthians 15:45), according to God's will and good pleasure, (Philippians 2:13). Therefore, it is possible His elect begin as infant spiritual babies in the milk of the word, because of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ in the flesh.

# As His mother held Him closely It was hard to understand that her baby not yet speaking was the word of God to man

Mary, though a virgin, before she would know a man, God, alone, would over shadow her with the Holy Ghost, that God would keep His promise, (Titus 1:2), that, Christ would come in the flesh to save His people from their sins, (Isaiah 9:5-6; Matthew 1:19-21). Mary, of herself could not possibly understand the full significance of this literal human baby she was holding in her arms. That He was the embodiment of God's Holy Word, (Revelation 19:13). That the true reason why there are any humans born on the sin cursed earth is because of the Lord Jesus Christ who would come to earth, just like sinful mankind do, of a woman. That it had been ordained from before the foundation of the world, by God Himself, in whom, it is impossible that God can lie. Therefore, the first Adam's sin could only have been forgiven because of the fact that it was impossible, that, in God's perfect timing, God, in Christ, would not come in the flesh as the last Adam, [Jesus Christ]. And, therefore, there is nothing insignificant about this human baby who never ceased to be Eternal Holy God from everlasting to everlasting. But He was eternal God being humbled, as His elect shall be. God gives the warning: To down play Holy God's work, even in this infant baby, who is God in the flesh, is to subtract and to add to God's Holy Word, (Revelations 22:18-19).

### He would tell them of His kingdom But their hearts would not believe

Mankind of themselves cannot believe in God's Son Jesus Christ, (Psalm 14:2-3; Romans 3:10). God can come in the flesh, perform countless miracles, and speak of His kingdom, as He did with His disciples, but God, alone, must pay for the sins of His people; for He alone is capable of ascending from an eternal grave; something mankind will never be able to understand in themselves, as God exhibits with Peter:

Luke 22:34 Lu 22:33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

If God's elect are not the ones fully responsible for Christ being crucified in order that their sins be forgiven, there can be no elect, and there can be no salvation. If we are indeed His elect, chosen from before the foundation of the world, we are the ones who put Him on the cross. And the best verse that speaks to this is, Mark 2:17:

Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, they that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

An elect baby that is aborted in the womb cannot know anything! "But it is non-the-less God's elect!" After it's abortion it immediately goes to be with eternal God in Heaven, (2 Corinthians 5:6-8). What we know, which is a gift from God, yet, in itself, what we know, has nothing to do with how we became right with God - if we are right with Him. In ourselves we are all unbelievers. So, if we believe in the Name of God which is by the Lord Jesus Christ, it is because, as God's chosen elect, we have become born again, (John 3:3-5), in the likeness of the baby Jesus, God's first elect and precious. He, alone, by the Holy Ghost, would show to be faithful to His heavenly Father IN ALL THINGS - from His birth on. In like manner, those born again, having had their sins forgiven, do obey their heavenly Father in all things, according as it is described in the scriptures. Not because we, of ourselves, believed, but because God's Son Jesus Christ believed and was perfectly faithful in all things that would concern us on this earth.

## They would hate Him and in anger they would nail Him to a tree

Acts 2:22-27 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. 25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

No sinner on this earth could of themselves ever be approved of by God. "That's an impossibility." God cannot accept sinners, and all of mankind of themselves are sinners, (Romans 3:23).

Jesus Christ, the man, was approved of by God, because He, alone, on the earth, and at any time in its history, since Adam's sin, [First known as Jehovah LORD], is eternally without sin; for, He, as God, with the Father, and with the Holy Ghost, are one, (John 10:30; 1 John 5:7). This did not for a second cease to be true when He lay as a baby in His mothers' arms. Yet, all of mankind, as they are made to be humbled by their sins, will only hate Him, for, since Adam's sin, mankind of themselves, cannot but hate God, until God alone, in His Love, and Mercy, and Peace, and Longsuffering, opens their spiritual eyes to their sins having been forgiven, and the new life, (2 Corinthians 5:17).

### But the sadness would be broken as the Song of Life arose

Psalm 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51:1, [and Psalm 51 all the way through], as many of the Psalms, is a messianic Song that is eternal, and that is sung by the Lord Jesus Christ to His heavenly Father; because even in Hell, Christ is perfectly faithful. But why should Christ pray for Himself in this manner, when He is without sin? It is not for Himself He is praying, but for those the Father has given Him:

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Miraculously, by the Love, Hope, and Faithfulness of God in Jesus Christ, every elect, to some degree and according to God's will and good pleasure, will have His eternal song, [the Word of God], playing in their regenerated souls. It is why they love to read the bible, and sing spiritual songs in worship to their Lord.

Acts 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

And the first born of creation would ascend and take His throne He had left it to redeem us, but Before His life began, He knew He'd come back not as a baby but as the Lord of every man

Hebrews 7:26-27 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

In, Hebrews 7:27, Christ offered up Himself, ONCE, for the sake of His elect. If He had offered up Himself, 'for Himself'; "but He is eternally without sin! So that Hell could not hold Him!" Therefore, He shall arise without sin in Himself; for He is eternally without sin; but now Christ shall arise without sin on behalf of His elect; for their sin is eternally buried in Hell in Christ, where Christ paid the eternal price that was required of His Father. Perfectly, and faithfully obeying His Father's word, Christ, showing to be the very word of God unfolded, is returned to His rightful place with His heavenly Father:

## John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

When He returns it will not be as the humble servant, but as the Lord of all mankind, whether they be good or whether they be evil. Those that are good shall be taken up in the twinkling of an eye, (1 Corinthians 15:52). Those that remain behind shall be burned with the earth unto everlasting destruction, as God had ordained, (Jude 1:4), as God ushers in a New Heaven and a New Earth, for His eternal kingdom, Israel, (Isaiah 65:17).

### Hear the angels as they're singing on the morning of His birth

Luke 2:10-15 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying. 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven,

## But how much greater will our Song be when He comes again to earth

Luke 13:25-28 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: 26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. 27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. 28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

Luke 13:25-28, has to be concerning this earth before God destroys it and the wicked with fire. Simultaneously, when Christ returns, [to this earth], it is when His elect is being raptured, [taken up], to be with Christ, where they shall be forever more. This is what God's people long for every day of their lives. This is what they sing about daily as they worship and praise their Lord who alone is God.