



Video Sermon Notes: May 10th 2020

Easter Reflections: The Virgin Birth

Philippians 2:7-8 + Hebrews 4:14-15

*O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin, and enter in
Be born in us today*

1. **READ: Matthew 1:22-23** - Jesus' sinlessness was effected through the virgin birth because sinlessness is a necessary component of His nature as God. As a Christian do you find it hard to justify sin or allow it to continue? Why do you think this is?

2. **READ: 1 John 5:18-21** - Jesus as the Son of God is the "*true God and eternal life.*" From this passage we see that the main thrust of sin's effectiveness is "*control*" and "*understanding*". In John chapter 8, Jesus says to the Jewish crowd, "*You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire.*" Why do you think we are so easily controlled by our desires? How do you think being "*born of God*" or knowing "*that we are children of God*" changes our desires?

3. In Galatians Paul writes, "*Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts.*" Why is it so crucial that you receive a new Spirit?

READ: Romans 8:12-16

There is a direct line of connection between (1) the children of God, (2) the Spirit that indwells us, and (3) the ability to put to death the misdeeds of the body. How is the Spirit of God changing and transforming your deeds?

4. **READ: Luke 1:38** - What is your response to God's Spirit within you?

Take a moment to pray with me, "*Heavenly Father, we thank you for adopting us, and working in us the new creation of your Spirit. In your patience, please keep transforming our will, and as your children may we glorify you by our lives. Amen.*"