

What Does Christ's Birth Mean to Me?

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Introduction

- As I pondered what I would speak on today this question kept coming to mind:
 - What does Christ's birth mean to me?
 - Similar to "What think ye of Christ?"
- Share my answer to the question
- Like to speak personally – what I feel
- Share some of my favorite scriptures – those that speak to me

1st - Son of God

- The scriptures declare that He is the Son of God
 - Alma 7:10 (Alma)
 - Luke 1:30-35, (Angel to Mary before birth)
- I believe this with all my heart
- Point number 1 in what does "Christ's birth mean to me" is that he is the Son of God, The only begotten in the flesh. Different from you and me
- To me this is the key or crucial point and upon which all else rests

2nd – As Son had power to descend below all – can understand me and how I feel

- D&C 122:8 (Descended below all)
- (Mosiah 3:6) Suffer temptations, and pain of body, hunger, thirst, fatigue even more than a man can suffer
- He suffered betrayal, scorn, rejection.
- (Isaiah 53:3) He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief
- (Alma 7:11) Suffered pain, afflictions and temptations of every kind... Know how to succor his people
- In short there is nothing I'll experience or feel that the Savior can not understand nor have compassion and understanding

3rd – As Son has power to bind up the broken hearted, to give beauty for ashes

- Many of us can have compassion and understanding for others.
- Not only did He descend below all such that he can understand but through the atonement he took upon himself the sufferings of the world.
- (Isaiah 61:3) He can offer healing for my hurts – beauty for ashes

4th – As Son has power to atone for my sins

- (Isaiah 1:18) Though your sins be as red as scarlet, they can be as white as snow
- In Gethsemane He took upon himself the sins of the world and suffered such that He bled from every pore so that you and I would not have to suffer and that we might be washed clean

5th – As Son has power to break the bands of death

- (Alma 7:12) He will take upon himself death so that he might loose the bands of death
- Thus I can someday rise again
- Death does not hold us captive with terror of what comes after death or an empty ending

6th – As Son He is our advocate

- D&C 45:3-5
- He is my advocate – not because of anything I have done but because of his love for us

Closing

- This is what the birth of the Savior means to me
- Sum it up:
- Luke 2:10-11
"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"

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