



PASTOR CHAPPELL | SUNDAY MORNING | DECEMBER 24, 2017

*“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:1-7)*

## INTRODUCTION \_\_\_\_\_

---

*“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.” (2 Corinthians 9:15)*

## 1. Grace in His \_\_\_\_\_

*“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.” (Proverbs 21:1)*

### A. He \_\_\_\_\_ History

#### HIS PLAN FORETOLD

*“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)*

*“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” (Micah 5:2)*

## HIS PLAN PERFORMED

*“Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. 10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.” (1 Peter 1:9–11)*

### B. He \_\_\_\_\_ History

**Quote:** “History is His story.”—**A.T. Pierson**

**Quote:** “History is the unrolled scroll of prophecy.”

—**President James Garfield**

*“Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.” (Jeremiah 1:12)*

#### HE MOVES THE NATIONS

#### HE MOBILIZES A FAMILY

*“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)*

## 2. Grace in His \_\_\_\_\_

### A. A Son \_\_\_\_\_

#### THE TIMING OF THE BIRTH

*“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,” (Galatians 4:4)*

#### THE TRAVAIL OF THE BIRTH

**Definition:** “that she should be delivered”—to bring forth, bear of a woman giving birth

*“A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.” (John 16:21)*

### B. The Saviour \_\_\_\_\_

*“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”*  
(Philippians 2:5-8)

### 3. Grace in His \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. To Provide \_\_\_\_\_

**Definition:** *“the swaddling clothes”*—a strip, meaning to strap or wrap with strips of cloth

*“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.”* (1 John 4:9)

*“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”* (John 1:29)

#### B. To Provide Atonement \_\_\_\_\_

*“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”* (2 Corinthians 8:9)

*“For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* (Romans 10:11-13)

### CONCLUSION \_\_\_\_\_

---

*“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”* (John 1:10-12)



**Lancaster Baptist Church** • 4020 E. Lancaster Blvd. • Lancaster, CA 93535  
661.946.4663 • [lancasterbaptist.org](http://lancasterbaptist.org) • Paul Chappell, Pastor