

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

MORNING MESSAGE

“What If Jesus Had Never Been Born? – There Would Be No Forgiveness”

Matthew 1:21

- I. THE NEED OF FORGIVENESS
  - A. Everyone has sinned and needs God’s forgiveness
    1. Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”
  - B. The root of sin
  - C. The result of sin
    1. Sin results in physical death
      - a. Ezekiel 18:4, “The soul that sinneth, it shall die”
      - b. Hebrews 9:27, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die”
    2. Sin results in spiritual death
      - a. Ephesians 2:1, “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins”
    3. Sin results in eternal death
      - a. Revelation 20:14, “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”
- II. THE NAME FOR FORGIVENESS
  - A. The angel told Joseph and Mary to name their baby “Jesus”
    1. It is a strong name
    2. It is a sacrificial name
      - a. 2 Corinthians 8:9, “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”
    3. It is a saving name
      - a. Acts 4:12, “There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”
- III. THE NECESSITY FOR FORGIVENESS
  - A. If you want forgiveness, this is what you must do:
    1. You must realize that you are a sinner (Romans 3:23)
    2. You must recognize that Jesus is God’s Son (John 3:16)
    3. You must repent of your sin (Luke 13:3,5)
    4. You must receive Jesus as your Savior (John 1:12)