

The Purposes for the Birth of Christ

Generally

To Fulfill the Promises of God

Romans 15:8-9 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, ⁹ and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name.

To Fully Reveal God to Man

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the unique Son Who is in the bosom of the Father, that one explained Him.

John 14:7 If you had known Me, you would have also known My Father. And from now, you know Him and have seen Him.

To Demonstrate a Perfectly Sinless Humanity

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

To Provide the Potential of Eternal Life for Mankind

John 3:16, 17 For thus God loved the world, that He gave His unique Son, in order that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but might have life eternal. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world in order that He might judge the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

To Remove Sin

1 John 3:5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

To Be a Qualified Judge and to Restore the Universe to God

1 Corinthians 15:25-28 For it is necessary *for* Him to reign until which time He should put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that will be abolished is* death. ²⁷ For He subjected all things under His feet. But when He says that all things have been subjected, *it is* clear that *this is* except the One Who subjected all things to Him. ²⁸ But when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will be subjected to the One Who subjected all things to Him, in order that God might be all things in all ways.

Relating to Israel

To Occupy the Throne of David

Luke 1:31-33 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

To Provide the Salvation of Israel

Matthew 1:21 And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

Luke 2:30-32 For my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹ Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, ³² A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.

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Relating to the Gentiles

To Provide a Light of Salvation for the Gentiles

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Relating to the Church

To Become the Head of the Body, the Church

Ephesians 1:22-23 And He subjected all things under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in all ways.

To Provide an Example of Humility

1 Peter 2:20-23 For what kind of credit is it if, while sinning and being beaten, you endure? But if, while doing good and suffering, you endure, this is favorable before God. ²¹ For you were called for this, because Christ also suffered on behalf of us, leaving behind an example for you, in order that you should follow in His footsteps, ²² Who, did not perform sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth, ²³ Who, being reviled did not revile in turn, while suffering did not threaten, but handed Himself over to the One who judges righteously....

Philippians 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a slave, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

To Destroy the Works of the Devil

1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

To Provide a Sacrificial Body

Hebrews 10:5-10 Therefore, when He entered into the world, He said, Sacrifice and offering You do not desire, but a body You did prepare for Me. ⁶ You were not well pleased with whole burnt offerings and sacrifices concerning sin. ⁷ Then I said, Behold, I have come – in the roll of the book it has been written concerning Me – to do Your desire, O God. ⁸ Saying above, Sacrifice and offering and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices concerning sin You did not desire, nor were You well pleased (which are offered according to the law), ⁹ then He said, I have come to do Your desire, O God, He takes away the first in order that He might establish the second, ¹⁰ by which desire we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time.

To Be a Sympathetic High Priest

Hebrews 2:17-18 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Hebrews 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.