

child which was to be born of Mary was not the result of adulterous and unholly cohabitation, it had been begotten by the HG, against all course of nature.

It is interesting to note that twice in three verses the penman of G states the fact that she was found with child of the HG. Surely a sufficient proof for us that our Sav is more than a mere man. X

T. 21.0 ~~What~~ beautiful passage. After Joseph had been convinced that the child which was to ~~be~~ be born of Mary was conceived of the HG, the angel also told him what he should name the child, namely J. By giving the child a name, Joseph would publicly recognise and formally adopt him as his legal son. Jesus is to be the child's name. This is however, not a mere name which does not bear any special significance or ^{which} says nothing about the personal character of the individual, as is the case with your and my name, however, the name J has a special significance. Its meaning is deep, and is in accord with the purpose of X's coming into the world. Our T says, 21b. Jesus, then means Savior. So Joseph has this blessed assurance, that the Son to be born of Mary his espoused wife is the promise Messiah, the Sav of the sinful world.

After the angel had spoken thus to Joseph in a special vision, the angel left, and our T tells us that Joseph did as the angel of the L had commanded him to do. He willingly took Mary to himself as his legal wife, And, v 25. He did not enter into the natural relations of marriage with her until she had brot forth the promised Mezziah, JX. And again, in accord with the command of the angel, both to Mary and Joseph, they named the Xchild-J, -the Sav.

Xtian, fr, there is a doctrine taught in our T which has been attacked a great deal by inidels and bible critics of the ~~xxx~~ last three centuries. For about 18 centuries after the ascention of our Sav, the virgin birth of X was not called into question and the comforting assurance ~~drawn~~ from it was universally accepted. Thruout this time the words of our Apostolic confession "Conceived of the HG, born of the virgin Mary was accepted and believed. But the era of rationalism, of believing only what one chooses or that which appeals to the reason, played havoc with this doctrine. And since that time even some of the so-called Xtian church denominations have called this doctrine unbelievable and foolish. However, all of the criticism offered have been successfully overthrown. As for us Xtians, in answering any questions advanced by the mocking and scoffers, let us rely upon the weapon which X himself indicated to us, namely, "It is written". The Old T prophecies conc X spoke of him as being born of a virgin, one who had never known man. And the Nt record is so clear and so convincing that we would have no reason at all for doubt on the matter. And because it is such important doctrine and is part of the Creed or confession of our faith, let us hold firmly to it.

So we see clearly from our T that X was true man, and true G, conceived by the HG. And it was especially important that X should be true G. Had he not been such, his coming into the world would have been of no avail to us. ^{how many sins} How many sins could X have died, if he were only a man? Not one. In order that the wrath and anger of a righteous G might be appeased, and the guilt of the sins of man erased, X had to be true G, J-the Sav. Of course, to one who looks upon sin as a mere weakness, easily overlooked and forgotten, it may not seem so important that X was true G, but to us xtians, who realise the dread of sin, and feel its awful power and the fiery indignation of G against sin, to us it is important and forever comforting to know that J blood really had the required power of G to satisfy G and make amends for our sins, ^{cleansing us from all unrighteousness.}

And that is the reason why we Xtians are so joyiul and happy at Xmas-time. We are celebrating the birth of J, the Sav, who assumed flesh and blood, in order that he might suffer and die and bear our sins. Inus we were made heirs of G and partakers of Gas inheritance above.

All praise to J's hallowed name,

Who of a virgin pure became, True man for us.

The angels sing, as the glad news they bring. Hallelujan.

All this he did, that he might prove

T-o us sinners his great love;

For this let Xtian dom adore

And praise his name forevermore, Hal..

AMEN.