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Sermon – Genealogy Week 1 – “What’s in a Name”

Scripture – Genesis 5

Main Message – It’s in the Bible, but why? Let’s find out how.

Reading the entire Bible from cover to cover is highly encouraged. I think it must be done at least once. If you have ever done it, you know that there are portions that you can read right through and probably not get much out of it. That is why I think studying The Bible is required for Christians. There is a lot to learn in this book. Throughout the Bible and certainly in the Old Testament we get lots of genealogies, or as some say, the “begats.” Why are they there? It can go on for pages with name after name from various tribes. Not all of the genealogies are of good Godly men either. So, why are they all there. Other than a few peculiar folks, and not beyond a couple of easily understood examples does anyone study intensively the begats. Yet God, in His wisdom has put them in there. (Sigh... then there must be a reason) The Bible is the Word made Flesh and so it would be incomplete without this information. Let’s begin a new series on Genealogy. Fun? Maybe not – but it is valuable for a number of reasons and here is two of them.

1st – Knowledge, both obvious and hidden is in the Bible. The value in the genealogy begats is a hidden one for the most part, but we will start out with an easy one that is more common knowledge.

2nd – Why would I teach this? Because Jesus has told us that there is some knowledge that will be vital for understanding the times in which we live. I’ll touch on this more next week.

Read Genesis 5

So, why do we need this? Well, the Bloodline of Christ begins from these biblical patriarchs which you can read about this in Luke 3 and a lesser portion in Mathew 1. The genealogy is important for a lot of reasons which speaks to the legitimacy of Jesus and His right to rule as well as His deity. This is the rather obvious element of having genealogy. It nice to see, helpful to have, but is that all?

Turns out there is more, but now you have to do some digging. ☒ **Adam** – “Man”

☒ **Seth** – “Appointed”

☒ **Enosh** – “Mortal”

☒ **Kenan** – “Sorrow”

☒ **Mahalalel** – “The Blessed God”

☒ **Jared** – “Shall Come Down”

☒ **Enoch** – “Teaching”

☒ **Methuselah** – “His Death Shall Bring”

☒ **Lamech** – “Despairing”

☒ **Noah** – “Comfort” or “Rest”

It makes a nice sentence portraying in yet another way the Gospel.

“Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow; (but) the Blessed God shall come down teaching (that) His death shall bring (the) despairing comfort.”

The Gospel is proclaimed always and in ways that aren’t always obvious. God is Real. This is a loving tool to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and that He is real. Don’t be discouraged if many still don’t get it. That is also part of the plan. After all what’s in a name?