

Everyday FAITH Family Page

3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God

Key Point

God sent His Son, Jesus, to be born on earth so He could keep the Law for me and also suffer and die in my place.

Bible Words

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
John 1:14

Law/Gospel

Without a deliverer, I, along with all humanity, would suffer eternally in hell. **To redeem His creation, God sent His Son to become a part of it by taking flesh from His mother and being born under the Law, fulfilling it, then suffering and dying to pay for the sin of the world. His resurrection guarantees that I and all who trust in Him will live in heaven forever.**

Poor and Rich

Jesus' earthly parents were so poor they could only afford the least expensive sacrifice when they dedicated Him at the temple forty days after His birth, two pigeons or two doves. But God gives us His rich grace in Christ. "Though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Jesus Is True Man: Jesus Is Born

Luke 2

Everywhere we go, there are rules to follow. School, work, driving from place to place. We are always subject to the laws of government.

We are also subject to God's Law, the Ten Commandments. But breaking God's Law brings greater consequences than detention or tickets. Born as sinners, we cannot keep God's Law perfectly, so we earn the wages of sin—death (Romans 6:23).

To save sinners, God sent His Son, Jesus, as our Savior. Though Jesus is God and was with God in the beginning (John 1:1–2), He took human form when He was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35). He was born humbly in a stable, likely surrounded by animals.

As true God and true man, Jesus became a worthy sacrifice for our sins. Jesus never sinned, but paid for our sins with His death on the cross (Hebrews 4:15; Romans 3:24–25). He rescues us from sin, death, and the devil. In His death, He gives us life.

Sing

"From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:

"To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth."

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," stanzas 1–2, by Martin Luther; tr. Catherine Winkworth, *Lutheran Service Book* 358, copyright © 2006 CPH.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son to die in our place so that through Him we might have life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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