

III. The genealogy tells us good will triumph over evil.

The triumph of good over evil only happens because God broke through the barrier of sinful humankind and became one of us. In doing so He not only demonstrated His great love for us by dying in our place for God's righteous judgment of our sins, He also established a kingdom without end that is ours to enter into by faith in Christ's work, of suffering on our behalf, in order to make us righteous too. **Who wouldn't want this?**

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. Romans 3:22-25



Matthew 1:1-17 **How Christ's genealogy tells us of** **God's good intentions!**

¹This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: ²Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was **Tamar**, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,

⁴Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was **Rahab**, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been **Uriah's wife**, ⁷Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa,

⁸Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah, ⁹Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

¹²After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud,

¹⁵Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of **Mary**, and **Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah**. ¹⁷Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

I. The genealogy tells us that the promise is true.

"This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham ..."

Matthew 1:1

To Abraham, God said: Everyone on earth will be blessed because of you.

Genesis 12:3

To David, God said: I have made a promise on oath to David, my servant: "I will give you an eternal dynasty and establish your throne throughout future generations."

Psalms 89:3, 4

1. *It took God thousands of years to fulfill his promise.*

Abraham lived 19th century BC. David lived 1000 BC.

But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. ⁹The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief.

2 Peter 3:8-10

2. *History seemed to be going away from the promise.*

In the 400 years after the writing of the OT, before Jesus coming there were no more prophets, and the Kingly line of David was gone.

...in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. ⁴They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again?"

2 Peter 3:3,4

II. The genealogy tells us of God's grace.

verse 3, "Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was *Tamar* ..."

verse 5, "Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was *Rahab*, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was *Ruth* ..."

verse 6, "David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been *Uriah's wife* ..."

verse 16, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of *Mary*, and *Mary* was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Matthew 1:3,5,6,16

In ancient societies your genealogy was your resume. Therefore:

1. Women wouldn't normally be listed. (Unless it was an asset)
2. Two of the women (Rahab and Ruth) weren't even Jewish.
3. Tamar used incest to secure her future. Rahab was a prostitute.
4. Solomon, David's son was conceived in adultery with Uriah's wife (Bathsheba) and in the cover up David had Uriah killed.
5. Mary conceived out of wedlock. (But in total obedience to God)

Therefore, the message is anyone who relates to God will have to be related through sheer grace, because all people are equally lost. The prostitute and the king are right next to each other.

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ²You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, ... ⁴But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

Ephesians 2:1,2,4,5

That means two things.

A. If you are in Jesus, then and only then do you have a name.

So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. Hebrews 2:11

B. As a Christian, don't chase the world.

If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Mark 8:38