

Genealogy of Christ

Introduction:

How many people in here have ever done any research for the sake of Genealogy?

How many know what genealogy is...

A 50-year-old couple is celebrating their 25th Wedding anniversary; one of the gifts they received was a lamp. Upon polishing it one day they find a genie (genealogy) who promises to grant them each a wish.

The lady speaks up quickly and says I always wanted to see the world with my husband. Instantly she had 2 first class tickets and reservations for a trip around the world.

It was now the mans turn, he was a little bit embarrassed about his request, so sheepishly he leans over and tells the genie, "I'd like to have my wife, 30 years younger than me." No problem said the genie, and poof he made Him 80 years old!

Careful what you wish for....

Be Happy with what you've got...

I KNOW of many people who do not live their lives by that motto, Paul speaks of contentment and we think of it as a bad thing. I've even heard people complain about the families they were born into or the past that seems to trail them. LET me tell you something, it's not about your past, not about who your family was..... IT'S ALL ABOUT TODAY. I would like to use the LADIES in the GENEALOGY of Jesus Christ to prove this point.

MOST time, people think of Mary when they think of Ladies in the Genealogy of Christ.

Consider a few other women:

1st Lady: Tamar

This was not the Tamar of David, but most people remember her only because she stooped to prostitution...but as Paul Harvey would say...**Let's hear the rest of the story**

Man of God **named Jacob, father's** 12 sons (12 tribes of Israel)

Rueben, Simeon, Levi, **then comes the fourth son Judah**

Judah in **CHEZIB**, sees a woman called **Shua**, from the land of Canaan, God said stay away but he like many of us ignored God's warning.

Together they have three sons, **ER, ONAN, and Shelah.**

1st Son (Er) marries woman called **TAMAR**,

Gen 38:7 tells us Er was wicked, **SO WICKED, GOD KILLED HIM**

2nd Son (Onan) was told to marry her and give her a son as an heir but he dies.

Patriarchal law established by God ordered this, **Duet 25:5**

3rd Son by law, Judah should have given him to TAMAR, but he was afraid, the woman was JINXED!

-So he sends her away to live with her family until “Shelah is grown”.

The time comes when, **Shelah is grown, Judah has lied**, he is afraid of losing his last son. Judah’s wife is gone, **goes to sheer sheep**.

Tamar hears, dresses as a harlot sits in road, with face covered.

Judah promises a goat if he can sleep with her, she wants a “marker” (which she is to return upon payment) it is a **ring on a chord, and his staff**. **When he later returns with the agreed upon payment she is gone**.

---**3 months later**, Judah hears Tamar is pregnant, his judgment **BRING her out and let her be BURNED for her sin**.

Tamar sends the items she had received while in disguise, to Judah and said, these belong to the man who made me pregnant, see if you can identify whose they are....

What a shock Judah receives.

JUDAH says, **GEN 38:26 “she has been more righteous than I”**

JESUS was of the HOUSE of Judah...and it was only through Tamar, not Judah’s other wives! MATT 1:3

2nd Lady: Rahab

I’m sure we are all more familiar with the story of Rahab then we are of Tamar. As a woman living in the town of Jericho, she was a harlot.

Read Joshua 24:1-24

Seem odd to me, God blessed his nation, he blessed Hid people.... through a whore!

(not a nice word...not a nice lady!)

Seems odd to me, that God would bring His son into the world as a part of her lineage.

MATT 1:5

Granted, we could go on all evening talking about the women that Jesus had in his lineage.

We could speak of the things that they did wrong

We could speak of the “nobodies” this world considered them to be..

Next we have non-Jews, how many times has God warned against such foreigners.

Ru th... poor widow, without home or family, clings to her mother-in-law (leech)

Bathsheeba... who slept with the King and said nothing when her husband was murdered

Yet according to Matt 1:5-6 Both of them were in the lineage of Christ!

WHAT DOES ALL THIS TEACH US..... ONE VERY IMPORTANT LESSON

WITH CHRIST: IT'S NOT WHERE YOU'RE FROM, BUT WHO YOU ARE

If you've got pen and paper write that down, learn it...

THEN write it down UPON your (**HEART**)..... so many times we forget it.

Have you ever said?

How can the LORD love me, I'm not good for anything?

God has no purpose for me, I'm not worth anything.

or maybe....

The Lord sure has no purpose for that man/woman!

ALL THESE THINGS point to an oversight in Christian Philosophy....

MATTERS NOT TO GOD....

Your Background, Past, trouble you got into...

DRUGS< SEX< ROBBERY<GAMBLING<LYING<

WHO you want to be makes all the difference in the world

Consider what God says about one of the women we read about....

Heb 11:30-31

By faith **Rahab** the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient,

after she had welcomed the spies in peace.

James 2:23-3:1

You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone. And in the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works, when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

RAHAB could of just continued to be a Harlot, she could have turned the spies in and maybe even watched them die...but she choose to change who she was....
MARRIED man **Hebrew by name of SALMON,**
had a child named BOAZ, who married Ruth.

It's no wonder to me that the Pharisees, laughed at Jesus, it's no wonder that many would question his royalty & nobility...but they failed to see the good side in all those who were part of Jesus' family.

For us IT is the same.

Doesn't matter who your parents were.

Doesn't matter how checkered your past is....

WHO do you want to be TODAY??????????

Ezek 18:19-23

"Yet you say, 'why should the son not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity?' When the son has practiced justice and righteousness, and has observed all My statutes and done them, he shall surely live. **"The person who sins will die.** The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; **the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself,** and the **wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.**

God is fair; he does hold not your life responsible for the lineage, in which you came, even if you came from a horribly wicked family. THE WICKED PAY, the righteous reap righteousness~!

"But if the wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, **he shall surely live;** he shall not die. "All his transgressions which he has committed **will not be remembered against him; because of his righteousness which he has practiced, he will live.**

MY past doesn't matter, it's what I want to live for today, and just to answer the age old question....does the Lord enjoy destroying the wicked...

"Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked," declares the Lord GOD, "rather than that he should turn from his ways and live? NAS

GOD WOULD PREFER TO SAVE all men, rather than have to destroy them,

BUT IT IS ALL UP TO US!!!

Conclusion:

He was just a poor carpenter. Nothing special about him. His mother had been accused of sleeping around, she was pregnant out of wedlock. He didn't go to the "GOOD" schools. He didn't ride around in style, he didn't wear fine linen and purple robes. HIS ANCESTORS>>>>>

THEY were LIARS, MUDRERERS, THEIVES, ADULTERERS, HARLOTS,

**AND HE IS MY KING.... not for his past, but
for who he was**