**THE STAR OF CHRISTMAS**

**Matthew 2:9-11**

**9**[**When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-2-9/)

**10**[**When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-2-10/)

**11**[**And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-2-11/)

**The Revelation 22:16 16**[**I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Revelation-22-16/)

**INTRO:**

**1. The Spiritual Application**

**\*\*On that special night the wise men saw two stars!**

 **A. When they saw the Star in the Heavens they saw Joy!**

**Matthew 2:10 10**[**When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-2-10/)

 **B. When they saw the Star in the House they saw Jesus!**

**Matthew 2:11 11**[**And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him:**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-2-11/)

**\*\*I know they saw the star in the house because they saw Jesus, and Jesus said in The Revelation 22:16 I am . . . the bright and morning star.**

**2. The Star Acronym**

 **A. S – stands for Savior!**

**Acts 5:31 31**[**Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-5-31/)

 **B. T – stands for Truth!**

**John 14:6 6Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:**

 **C. A – stands for Almighty!**

**The Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.**

 **D. R – stands for Redeemer!**

**Isaiah 47:4 *As for* our redeemer, the LORD of hosts *is* his name, the Holy One of Israel.**

**\*\*Do not doubt who the real Star of Christmas is because Jesus Christ will always be The Star of Christmas!**

**Body – THE STAR OF CHRISTMAS**

**I. JESUS IS THE SHINNING STAR**

**\*\*Jesus is not just the Morning Star, He is the bright and morning star! That means He shines!**

 **A. He Lights Up the Heavens**

 **1. His light is Bright!**

**Acts 26:13 . . .** [**I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-26-13/)

**\*\*Paul said the Lord’s light was brighter than the sun!**

 **2. His light is Boundless!**

**Isaiah 60:20 20**[**Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Isaiah-60-20/)

**\*\*Here we all experience the rainy days and the rotten days, but in heaven Jesus will be the light that is everlasting, and there will not be any more rainy or rotten days!**

 **B. He Lights Up the Heathen**

 **1. His light helps the heathen escape darkness!**

**John 8:12 12**[**Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-8-12/)

 **2. His light helps the heathen escape death!**

**Mathew 4:16 [and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-4-16/%22%20%5Co%20%22CLICK%20FOR%20MORE%20TRANSLATIONS%20of%20Matthew%204%3A16-%20The%20people%20which%20sat%20in%20darkness%20saw%20great%20light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.) 17**[**From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-4-17/)

 **C. He Lights Up the Heart**

**II Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

 **1. We know about His Goodness when He lights up our hearts!**

 **2. We know about His Glory when He lights up our hearts!**

**II. JESUS IS THE SAVING STAR**

**\*\*God took His star, Jesus Christ, and hung him on a tree for the whole world to see so that whosoever would come to that star, they would be saved!**

**Illustration: When a man gets lost, he can look at the stars (if he knows his stars), and he can find his way to safety! If you know this star, you can find your way home if you just keep your eyes on this star and follow this star!**

 **A. Jesus is the Star of Redemption**

**Psalms 130:7-8 7**[**Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-130-7/) **8**[**And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-130-8/)

 **1. There is plenty of redemption for the responsible!**

 **2. There is plenty of redemption for the remorseful!**

 **3. There is plenty of redemption for the regretful!**

 **B. Jesus is the Star of Regeneration**

**Titus 3:5 5**[**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Titus-3-5/)

**\*\*Jesus knows how to reclaim us, reverse us, rework us, and renew us if we will just let Him do so!**

 **C. Jesus is the Star of Redirection**

 **1. He can redirect the Sinner**

 **2. He can redirect the Storms**

 **3. He can redirect the Soul**

**\*\*If you need to be redirected be sure you go to the Savior and do everything He says to do!**

**III. JESUS IS THE SAINT’S STAR**

**\*\*We who are saved should make Jesus the Star of our Hearts, the Star of our Homes, and the Star of our Holiday!**

**\*\*Here’s why . . .**

 **A. Jesus was our Sin!**

**1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:**

 **1. He took our Unbelievable Sins!**

 **2. He took our Unbearable Sins!**

 **B. Jesus was our Sacrifice!**

**I Corinthians 5:7 [For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-5-7/%22%20%5Co%20%22CLICK%20FOR%20MORE%20TRANSLATIONS%20of%201%20Corinthians%205%3A7-%20Purge%20out%20therefore%20the%20old%20leaven%2C%20that%20ye%20may%20be%20a%20new%20lump%2C%20as%20ye%20are%20unleavened.%20For%20even%20Christ%20our%20passover%20is%20sacrificed%20for%20us%3A)**

 **1. With Him our Sinful Deeds were Sacrificed**

 **2. With Him our Shameful Disobedience was Sacrificed**

 **C. Jesus was our Substitute!**

 **1. Jesus was the substitute for our Problem**

 **2. Jesus was the substitute for our Place**

**\*\*I don’t know about you, but as for me, Jesus is the star in my life simply because He has been my everything and still is my everything! If He is not the star of your life, then make Him the star of your life!**

**IV. JESUS IS THE SUPREME STAR**

**Philippians 9:9-11 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:** [**10**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-2-10/)**That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;** [**11**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-2-11/)**And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**\*\*God “highly exalted” His Son Jesus which makes Him the supreme star!**

 **A. He’s Supreme in Character**

 **1. He is Flawless.**

 **2. He is Faithful.**

**I Corinthians 1:9 9God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.**

 **B. He’s Supreme in Command**

**1. His Command Reigns 2. His Command Rules**

 **3. His Command Rejects 4. His Command Rewards**

 **C. He’s Supreme in Charity**

 **1. He loves the Carnal**

 **2. He loves the Criminal**

 **3. He loves the Christian**

 **4. He loves the Church**

 **D. He’s Supreme in Comfort**

 **1. He Comforts the Broken**

 **2. He Comforts the Believer**

 **E. He’s Supreme in Cleanliness**

 **1. He is Pure.**

 **2. He is Perfect.**

 **F. He’s Supreme in Church**

 **1. Honor Him with Hearts of Praise**

 **2. Honor Him with Hands of Praise**

**CLOSE**

**1. There’s a song we sing at Christmas that says,**

**“O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!”**

**2. We cannot truly come and adore Him if Jesus is not the star in our lives and the star of our lives!**

**3. He shouldn’t just be the star of our lives at Christmas. He should be the star of our lives year around!**

**4. He was the star of the wise men’s lives! How do I know? Because for two years they followed His star until they saw their little star – Jesus Christ!**

**5. He was the star of the shepherds lives. How do I know? Because they laid their responsibilities, their livelihoods, their living down and went to Him without question!**

**\*\*So is Jesus the star in your life? Is He the Shining Star? the Saving Star? the Supreme Star in your life?**

**\*\*Make Him the star of your life today!**