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THE CHRISTMAS SERIES PART 5

SEVEN POUNDS OF SALVATION

When a child is born, we usually ask two things: 1. Is it a boy or girl, and 2. How much did he/she weigh? We do not know how much the baby boy Jesus weighed. Perhaps it could have been seven pounds, about an average weight. That would then be seven pounds of salvation as God wrapped Himself in human flesh and was born as a baby in Bethlehem. He “tabernacled” among us.

Although very small on that day, he took on the biggest job that was ever assigned – the responsibility to redeem you and me from the curse of sin and eternal death. Jesus was destined to grow up and purchase our salvation with his own life. Faith on Jesus and the shedding of His pure innocent blood redeems us unto God. We are reconciled back to God, the kingdom of heaven, and adopted through His sacrificial blood as sons and daughters (princes and princesses) of God our Father. “Redeem” means to purchase or “buy back.” We are bought back by God to whom man originally belonged before becoming estranged by sin.

Jesus declared in John 14:6, ***“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father (God) but by me.”*** There is no other way. Many people worldwide, both Christians and non-Christians, say there are many ways to “god” or to “heaven” or “paradise”. They have been deceived by The Deceiver, Satan, and his minions (demons).

This plan of redemption was the reason Jesus was born. He is “the reason for the season.” As we celebrate His birth, do not let this be just another holiday. God gave us “seven pounds of salvation.” Let us rejoice as did the shepherds when the angel announced in Luke 2:10, ***“Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy...”***