
THE ASHLAND
CHURCH OF CHRIST IN 2009

“Note Those Who So Walk”

Philippians 3:17

2Thessalonians 3:14

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Mary — the Mother of Christ

Text: Matthew 1:20

Matthew 1:20, *“But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.’”*

Introduction:

1. Mary in the Bible:

- A. Mary, the mother of Christ (Matthew 1:16).
- B. Mary, the mother of James and Joses (possibly the mother of Christ) (Matthew 27:56).
- C. Mary, the mother of Simeon (Luke 2:19).
- D. Mary Salome (Mark 15:40) or the other Mary (Matthew 27:61, 28:1).
- E. Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus (Luke 10:39).
- F. Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:1).
- G. Mary of Rome (Romans 16:6).
- H. Mary the mother of John Mark (Acts 12:12).

2. Some people in the religious world have given Mary a place above that which she deserves.

I. ***Mary in PROPHECY.***

- A. Isaiah 7:14 – Matthew 1:23.

- B. Virgin means a woman who has not had sexual relations with a man (Matthew 1:19, 25).
 - 1. Some of the newer translations (NRSV) translate as ‘young woman’ in an attempt to take away the virginity of Mary.
 - 2. The emphasis of referring to Mary as a virgin is to show the miraculous conception of Christ.
- C. Mary was chosen by God to bring in the Chosen One.

II. *Mary in PERFECTION.*

- A. Perfection in her CONDUCT (Luke 1:34).
 - 1. This is a lesson for people today — that it is possible to wait until marriage.
 - 2. In fact, it is possible to wait even longer (Matthew 1:25).
- B. Perfection in COMMITMENT (Luke 1:38).
 - 1. God above peer pressure.
 - 2. God above others.
 - 3. God above self.
- C. Perfection in CONTRITENESS (Luke 1:46).
 - 1. She does not exalt herself.
 - 2. We see in her humility and willingness to do the will of God.

III. *Mary in PRACTICE.*

- A. Humility:
 - 1. James 4:10.
 - 2. 1Peter 5:6.
- B. Control:
 - 1. Over our passions.
 - 2. Over our bodies.
 - 3. Over our families.
- C. Faith:
 - 1. God is in control and will take care of us if we will submit to Him (Luke 1:46-55).
 - 2. Things will work out if we will do His will.