

I. Through All the Events God is Offering Wisdom unto Salvation

A. Without God's Work in Our Lives We Do Not Know the Savior

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— Ephesians 2:1-5

B. God's Rich Mercy Working

1. God sends a special star. Matthew describes it as _____ from all other stars.

- Magi know it is different, it starts their journey. First Jerusalem.

- Leads them to the house where little Jesus was staying. They rejoiced exceeding with great joy. "Mega _____ !" God still leads them!

2. God's gives Herod and **ALL** Jerusalem (entire spiritual leadership) the chance to know that the Christ is born. But Herod thinks he can kill the Christ! Is Herod more powerful than God?!

3. Gifts **TO** the Child. Not just reverence to a boy, but God's leading the Magi to worship Jesus.

4. God's continued leading and blessing the Magi to return home another way to serve Jesus!

C. **GOD** calls **ALL** to believe in Jesus.

From lands far away. _____ ones close by. Believing ones waiting for help.

God's Word _____ and guides ALL. Evil cannot overcome God's work.

We worship the Holy Child.