"THAT'S QUITE A TREE!"

MATTHEW 1:1-17

If we believe "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable" and that "all Scripture" includes genealogies, then there is something for us to learn, even from a family tree. Here are five purposes for a genealogy:

1. It _____.

2. It _____.

3. It _____.

4. It _____.

5. It _____.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRIST'S GENEALOGY

① It Stresses His S_____.

Obviously Matthew's purpose is more thematic than sequential – he wishes to present Jesus in His rightful position as king.

② It Stresses His S_____.

By identifying Jesus as the Son of _____, Matthew associates Jesus with all of mankind, since Abraham is associated as the father of all mankind.

Identified with man as the Son of Abraham, He was slain for man as the sinless Lamb of God.

③ It Stresses His S_____.

The One who died for sinful men and women identifies with sinful men and women. Yet though He came through a lineage of sinful men and women, He Himself remained unspotted, untainted and sinless!

What marvelous grace Matthew emphasizes in this genealogy of Jesus in his listing of _____ men as well as _____ women.

④ It Stresses His S_____.

The written word of God, from cover to cover, sets forth one great and glorious person, Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION

Since all the world needed to be registered or taxed, courtesy of Caesar's decree, Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. That was the hometown of David and they were of the house and lineage of David. They knew that and we know that from the _____!

As you look upon Jesus' family tree, do you find your name written down somewhere in the _____ (John 15:5-6)? That can only happen if you are in Christ. Have you trusted in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? That is the greatest gift you could ever possibly receive – for Christmas or any day!

If you are _____ in His tree that never dies, you will live forever with Him. But if you do not know the Savior, you are not in His tree. Instead, you are clinging to a tree that is dying. Which tree do you lay claim to: one of **life** in Christ or one of **death** apart from Christ?