

Epiphany

Who is this Jesus who was born in Bethlehem?

- King of the Jews
- Lord of the nations (The Magi were Gentiles)

Isaiah 60:2 (included in The Messiah)—Two Realities:

1. Darkness shall cover the earth; thick darkness the peoples.

Spiritual darkness gained entry when man rebelled against God.

2. The LORD will arise; his glory will be seen on you (Gentiles).

How will Christ's glory be seen among Gentile nations? Two ways:

- **Force**—top down—2nd coming. *Do we wait, doing nothing?*
- **Grace**—bottom up—Christ can heal the wounds of history. How?

Healing the Wounds of History: Four Components

- 1 - **Prayer**—releases the power of God
- 2 - **Confession**—telling the truth about the past (publicly)
 - God does not play our games: romanticizing our history, denying the negatives, owning false narratives
 - We can honor our forefathers and still speak the truth about the wrongs they committed—*Psalm 106, Daniel 9*
 - German leaders in Auschwitz—His glory will be seen on you
 - Southwest Poland
 - Largest Nazi factory for murder—1.1 million, mostly Jews
 - Walk through barracks
 - Displays of luggage, shoes, glasses, prayer shawls, hair
 - Evenings in worship and prayer together
- 3 - **Forgiveness**—asking for and extending
 - Communion beside a bombed-out gas chamber
- 4 - **Reconciliation**—individuals and nations

Hanna and I are scheduled to return to Germany in April.

We will be teaching retreats on discipleship to Jesus—the source from which all healing comes.