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## Is it Necessary to Believe in the Virgin Birth to be Saved?

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## Is it necessary to believe in the virgin birth to be saved?

The answer involves both a no and yes response:

- No, if the person is unaware of all the details pertaining to the virgin birth at the time of his or her salvation. Here two key examples come to mind:

A. The dying thief

*“And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise”* (Luke 23:42, 43).

It is doubtful indeed that this poor wretched man understood anything concerning the theological implications of the incarnation. Yet, as the text states, he was obviously saved!

B. Philip

*“Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph”* (John 1:45).

Note Philip’s description of the Messiah: *“Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”* This new convert, saved perhaps but a few days previous, knew little or nothing about the miracle at Bethlehem. But of his salvation there can be no doubt!

- Yes, if the person is aware of all the details pertaining to the virgin birth. Thus, in this case, a refusal to accept the word of God prohibits one from experiencing the grace of God! Simon Peter would describe such a person as being *“willingly intentionally ignorant”* (2 Peter 3:5).

A. Jesus’ warning on this subject:

*“If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?”* (John 3:12).

B. Paul’s warning on this subject:

*“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”* (Heb. 11:6).