

Scroggins and Shields (for the last time)
FBC and Family Church
December 11, 2011
Christmas X Factor – Tamar

“X Factor” – A special quality that is essential for success, but difficult to describe.

Matthew 1:1-6, 16 (Pew Bible – Page 807)

The genealogy of Jesus on Joseph’s side (because Jesus was ADOPTED).

Genesis 3:15 (Pew Bible – Page 2)

The ORIGINAL PROMISE of Jesus (the “Adamic Covenant” or the “Protoevangelium”).

Genesis 12:1-3 (Pew Bible – Page 8)

God’s promise to bless ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH (the “Abrahamic Covenant”).

Galatians 4:4-5 (Pew Bible – Page 974)

“In the fullness of time” Jesus provides for our ADOPTION as sons and daughters.

Story of Tamar (Genesis 38)

1. All of us are “OUTSIDERS” because of our SIN.

- Ephesians 2:1 - Dead in our trespasses and sins
- Isaiah 59:2 - Separated from God
- Romans 3:10 - No one is righteous
- Isaiah 54:6 - Our “righteousness” is filthy

2. God’s grace allows OUTSIDERS to become INSIDERS.

- a. It was Isaac, not Ishmael
 - b. It was Jacob, not Essau
 - c. It was Judah, not Reuben (firstborn) or Joseph (most righteous)
 - d. It was Tamar, not the daughter of Shua (Judah’s wife)
 - e. It was Perez, not Zerah
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- 1 Peter 2:9 - Brought into light
 - Ephesians 2:5 – made alive in Christ
 - Ephesians 2:13 - Brought near by Christ
 - Romans 3:22 (NLT) – made righteous in Christ

3. The “Christmas X-Factor” is GRACE.