

Recap of 12/31/17:

1. *The genealogy of Jesus Christ in Matthew 1:1-17 is above all a record of God's grace (His undeserved favor). The human ancestors of Jesus (God's Son) were weak, sinful, and often unfaithful to God, yet He dealt with them in grace. "The people He chose to be His ancestors reveal the wonder of grace and give hope to all sinners." (John MacArthur)*
2. *As with the human ancestors of God's Son, though we are weak, sinful and often unfaithful, God deals with us in grace and can use us to accomplish His purposes.*
3. *Thoughts for the close of a year and beginning of a new year:
-for the one who had not yet trusted Christ as their Savior: "The sinner must come to Jesus, not to works, sacraments, or doctrines, but to a personal redeemer, who bore our sins Himself, in His own body on a tree. The bleeding, dying, risen Savior is the only star of hope to a sinner. Oh for grace to come now and drink, before the sun sets upon the year's last day." (Charles H. Spurgeon)
-"Leave the Irreparable Past in His hands, and step out into the Irresistible Future with Him." Oswald Chambers)*