

## The Baby Changed the World

*"Change your life. God's kingdom is here."* Matthew 3:2

A tiny babe, born long ago  
To parents, poor and meek,  
With no great wealth or fame to show  
And future bare and bleak -  
How could this child grow and mature  
To be a savior king  
With grace so precious and so pure  
Who could salvation bring?

"Repent! Repent!" the time has come  
To change our lives at last;  
The deeds that we've been running from  
Are finally in the past.  
For new beginnings wait for us  
Brought by the Christ Child dear;  
Emmanuel – gentle and just,  
Forgiving - does appear!

Forget the traps of greed and treasure,  
Forget the glittering gold;  
Remember love that has no measure,  
Redemption long foretold.  
Make straight the paths, open your hearts  
And let the Christ Child in;  
The weight of sin and grief departs  
And new life can begin.

Let's live the way that God intended -  
Humble and just and kind -  
And we will find our souls are mended;  
God's kingdom we will find.  
Such love and grace the world has known  
Since that first Christmas morn.  
What joy and peace and hope we own  
Because Christ has been born!