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CHRISTMAS & CHRIST

When this 'Christmas season' is upon us, it should be more than a time of family reunions, getting a few days off from work, etc., but should cause us to reflect on just who this 'Christ' was.

When people seriously consider 'God' and who He is and what He's like and how they should respond towards Him, they need to think of Jesus Christ. The Bible says that God Himself became a man (*the 'incarnation'*), came to earth and walked this planet for about 33 years. He was given names such as 'Emmanuel' and 'Jesus', and called 'Master', 'Lord', and 'Saviour'. *'God and man now exist together in One Person, the Lord Jesus Christ, the unique God-man!'*

Eventually He was taken and crucified, died, and then resurrected from the dead! For what purpose?

'Jesus Christ was born into this world to do as a man, what He could not do as God.' Man needed a way to be forgiven, all sin must be punished.

Only Jesus Christ, and His death and suffering on the cross, would the holiness of God the Father accept as an acceptable payment for forgiveness of sins.

What an amazing and blessed mystery the 'incarnation' was, when God became a man!

"Christianity is distinguished from paganism by representing God as appeasing His own wrath and satisfying His own justice by the putting forth of His own love."

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- Romans 10:13

Wise Men Still Looking!

"Wise men today are still seeking for Jesus. We don't look for Him in Bethlehem, because He is no longer there. He is on His throne in heaven.

We don't need a map to help us find Him - we don't even need a star to help us find Him.

We can find our way to Jesus by reading God's Holy Word! The Bible is our map and our star that leads us to Jesus!"

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"There are **grades** in devilry as there are in human sin. *All men are evil, but all men are not alike evil.*

All devils are full of sin, but they are not all sinful to the same degree. Do we not read in Scripture, *"Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; ..."*

It may be there is a gradation in the wickedness of devils, and perhaps, also, in their power to fulfil their wicked impulses."

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God's Gift of FREE WILL

"The most sobering gift God gave us is *free will*. To not have *free will* would be to be as robots. God would never be sure of our love unless we have the option of choosing not to love Him. Each of you must choose."

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NEW BOOK - S.H.A.M.E!

"The medical and scientific literature reveals that the sexy dress on the part of females will automatically and instinctually cause men and also boys, beginning around age nine, to respond bodily and cause them to regard females as sex objects. Females baring their body parts are inviting sexual objectification to their own undoing."

- Martin & Deidre Bobgan,
'S.H.A.M.E! (Sexual Harassment Against Males (by Females) Exposed'

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. — LUKE 2:8-14

Good News to all People

Christmas

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"Feed your Faith and your Fears will starve to death."

"People are as friendly as you are."

"God says, 'Son, give me thy heart':
Money says the same thing."

"No one ever falls into sin; he walks into it one step at a time."

"We must believe in free will. We have no choice."

"The *Wealthy* are a blessing from the Lord; they are a means of God's Provision."

"Never give the Devil a ride, he will always want to drive."

"It ought to be the business of every day to prepare for our last day."

"The BIBLE contains an account of a revelation from God to man, which is found nowhere else."

GOD'S WORD CAN NO MORE BE CORRUPTED
THAN GOD HIMSELF CAN BE CORRUPTED."

"It was God's Word that made us; is it any wonder that his Word should sustain us?"

'virgin' - or- 'girl' ?

"As we are soon into the Christmas season, let's compare Bible versions ...

[] **King James Bible, Luke 1:27** ...

"To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary."

[] **New English Version, Luke 1:27** ...

"for a girl betrothed to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David, the girl's name was Mary."

Is there a difference? Yes!

A Bible version difference? Yes!

An important difference? Yes!!

A 'girl' having a baby is *no* miracle.

A 'virgin' having a baby is!

Effects of Conviction

"Every *conviction of sin* which leaves the man *no better* than before, does *not* leave him as it found him, but in a *worse* condition; even as the bar of iron which had been in the furnace is harder than one which never yet has been heated."

- *The Preacher's Homiletic Commentary*

the truth revealed in 'turning points'

"Many men turn aside from religion, where their (self) interest would be compromised. If I see two men walking together, I cannot tell who is the master of the dog that is behind, but I shall discover directly; one of them will turn to the right and the other to the left; now I shall know who is the master of the dog, for when it comes to the *turning point* the dog will go with its master and leave the stranger.

You cannot always tell whether it is God or Mammon that a man is serving when virtue is profitable; but when it comes to the *turning point*, and the man has to be a

'loser' for Christ, in what he gives up for Christ's sake, then sincerity is tried.

Turning points are places where we may judge ourselves, for they are the only true criterions of our real character."

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"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." - Matthew 1:23

Sincere Seeking & Searching

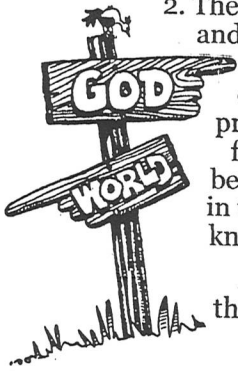
is an evidence of sincerity and a Scriptural command and condition to finding.

Jeremiah 29:13 **'And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.'**

People may claim to be agnostics and sincerely seeking God, but they are saying it without really meaning it. When a person is sincere in their seeking it will be evident by the following ... 1. They will be asking questions;

2. They will want to get a Bible and start reading it; 3. They will probably start visiting churches; 4. They should pray that God will help them find the truth. 5. They will be open and receptive to things in the Bible that they did not know before; willing to learn.

And, the good news is that they can *find* the truth and *know* it!



The power of godliness

"... is the *sanctifying*, ministering power of the indwelling Holy Spirit ...

By God's Spirit, the born again believer has power to put off the old man and put on the new man in progressive sanctification; he has the power to live a holy pilgrim life separated from the evils of this present world system; he has the power to be an ambassador for Christ in a wicked age.

The vast majority of professing Christians have little to no evidence of this power.

They live much like the world; they are conformed to the world; they are comfortable in the world and with the world; they are friends with the world; they are more influenced by the world than they influence the world."

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BIBLE BAPTIST TEMPLE

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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From HERE & THERE

Hearing Loss

"An estimated 60% of all 'Rock' stars that are inducted into the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio, have significant hearing loss." - copied

Pro-Life Election 'Wins'

"14 new Pro-Life women have been elected into the House of Representatives."

Music & Evangelism

"There is not one instance in Scripture where music is used for evangelism." - copied

Jesus & Money

"In the New Testament, when Jesus was here, He never gave anyone any money; Jesus never gave anyone any money."

The Constitution

"Under ... the 'Declaration of Independence', our 'rights' come from the Creator, and are inalienable ('cannot be taken away or transferred.')" - copied

Jesus' Physical Family

"The human authors of the *Book of James* and the *Book of Jude*, were half-brothers of Jesus Christ."

MORE TOTALITARIAN HARASSMENT OF CHURCHES IN CALIFORNIA

"The government of California is acting like a communist state in its actions toward churches. Most recently, health officials of Los Angeles County cited 11 parishioners who attended a worship service at Our Lady of the Angels Church that seats 500. The citation carries a \$1,000 fine ("Clear Case of Retaliation," *The Daily Wire*, Oct. 26, 2020).

On October 20, county inspectors attempted to eject two women praying alone in the church and threatened them with citations. In late September, the church joined in a lawsuit against California Gov. Gavin Newsom and other state officials claiming that their rights under the state constitution were being violated by the extended lockdown. In September, North Valley Baptist Church in Santa Clara, was fined more than \$112,000 for congregating contrary to the state's regulations. Los Angeles County has repeatedly sought to shut down the services of Grace Community Church of Sun Valley and to hold Pastor John MacArthur in contempt, but in early October a Los Angeles Superior Court ruled that the church is entitled to a full trial on the merits of their challenge to the constitutionality of the government shut-down orders and the county's injunction. This delays implementation of the fines and possible imprisonment sought by the totalitarian county."

- Friday Church News Notes, October 30, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143

Darwin, Evolution & Myths and Blunders

"In the late 19th century, the evolutionary doctrine of Charles Darwin was thought to have disproven the Bible. This was a great turning point in history, and each quarter century since then has witnessed an increase in skepticism and open animosity toward God and His Word. Today it is widely assumed that the Bible is filled with myth and scientific blunders while Darwin has been authenticated.

The truth is quite the opposite. Scientific research since Darwin has authenticated the Bible and discredited Darwin.

In reality, it is Darwin's writings that are filled with myth and scientific blunders." - copied

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The Wisemen

1. The Wisemen worshipped Jesus; we should *Worship* Him also.
 2. The Wisemen brought Him Gifts; the best gift you can *give* to Him is your life, in love and service to Him.
 3. The Wisemen studied the Scriptures; it's still wise to *Study* the Scriptures.
 4. The Wisemen went seeking for Jesus; we should also *Seek* Him.
 5. The Wisemen gave their time as they traveled from far away; we should also be willing to give our *Time* in His service.
 6. When God told the Wisemen to go home 'another way', they *listened and obeyed*.
- Part of giving ourselves to Him is being quick to Listen to His voice (*the Bible*) and Obey."

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Shhhhh,

Don't Tell the Kids!

"Santa is really non-Christian and is based on the Germanic god Thor, who was associated with winter and the Yule log and rode on a chariot drawn by goats named Cracker and Gnasher. We don't have to reject every social pleasantry of the Christmas Season, but God's people are plainly warned in Colossians 2:8, "*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*" - copied