



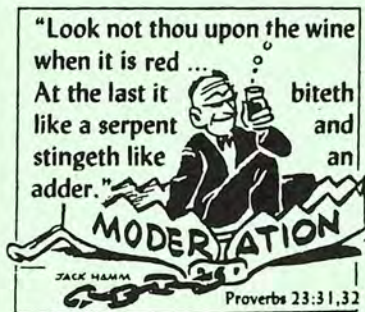
CHRISTMAS & CALVARY

December is here and the '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 seriously reflect on just who this 'man' Jesus was. When people seriously consider 'God' and who He is, what He's like, and how they should respond towards Him, they need to think of Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches that about two thousand years ago God became a man (the 'incarnation'); Yes, God Himself became a man and walked this earth for about 33 years. He was given names such as 'Emmanuel' and 'Jesus', also called 'Master', 'Messiah', '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; He died and then, as prophesied, resurrected from the dead! For what purpose? Christ was born to go to Calvary. 'Jesus Christ was born into this world to do as a man what He could not do as God - die! Only through Jesus Christ and His suffering and death on the cross would the holiness of God the Father accept as a spiritual payment and redemption for our transgressions.

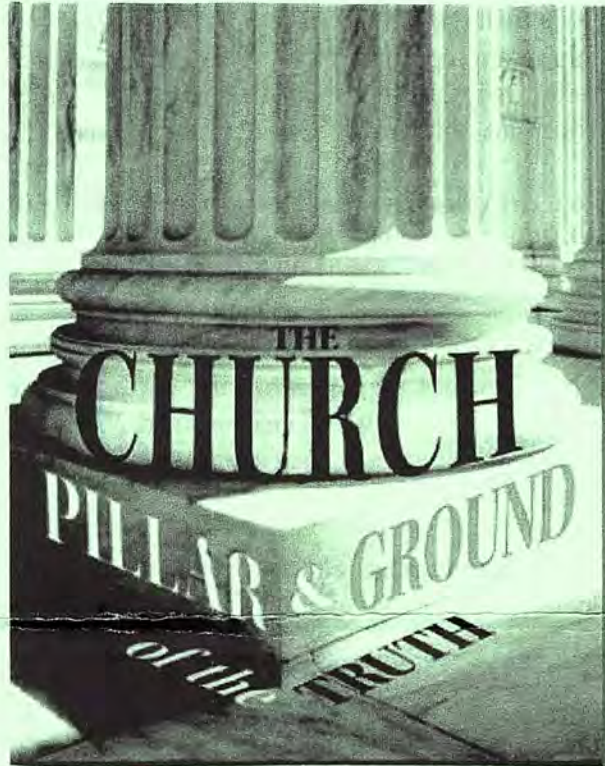
- [] "Christianity is distinguished from paganism by representing God as appeasing His own wrath and satisfying His own justice by the putting forth of His own love."
- [] "We can never comprehend what took place at Calvary, until we know Who it was that was born in Bethlehem."
- [] "Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh" - I Timothy 3:16
- [] "How astonishing - and yet essential to our salvation - that God ... could become a man. Nor did He at His incarnation, cease to be God ... God and man now exist together in One Person, the Lord Jesus Christ, the unique God-man!"

"God with us"

"The electronic 'church' is *easy. It requires no more effort than turning on the TV. It does not require the 'discipline' of getting dressed, driving somewhere, and arriving on time." ... * and 'easy' usually means 'shallow'."



"Christmas trees are a strange tradition, if you think about it. Every December, people in regions around the world head to the nearest forest (or corner 'tree' store) to get one, drag it into their homes, adorn it with lights, baubles, (ornaments) and tinsel - then, in a few weeks, unceremoniously dump it on the street curb (to be thrown into a garbage truck)." - copied/edited



CHURCH CALENDAR

- ✓ Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
- Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm
- DECEMBER 25th - Christmas Morning Service, 11:00
- (note - we will have all our usual services on December 24th - morning & evening; and also all our usual services on New Year's Eve, December 31st

Quotes

- "LIGHT reveals what DARKNESS conceals."
- "There is no command in the Bible to entertain one another."
- "Sin and Holiness never meet except they fight."
- "Calmness is the way we show that we are trusting in God."
- "It is impossible to defeat an ignorant man in an argument."

- "We all have one friend who needs to learn how to whisper." (:)
- "Some music makes you feel like going out and getting into a fight!"
- "He that is over-cautious will accomplish little."
- "TRUTH must enter the mind before it can enter the heart."
- Ready! Fire! Aim! (:)

Salvation is ...

1. Turning from sin and self and to Jesus Christ; Matthew 7:21; Ezekiel 33:11 I Thessalonians 1:9 b
2. It's becoming a 'disciple' of the Lord Jesus Christ; Luke 14:33, Acts 11:26
3. It's having your sins forgiven; Ephesians 1:7
4. It's a surrendering of your will to do the Lord's will; Luke 6:46
5. It's leaving the pig-pens of this world; Luke 15:12-19; Galatians 1:4 b
6. It's a change of attitude from self-centered pride to Christ-centered humility.
7. It's becoming a 'servant' of the Lord; Romans 6:18; Colossians 3:24 b; I Thessalonians 1:9
8. It changes how God looks at you, i.e., relates to you; Psalm 146:8; Ephesians 2:19
9. There's a change of friends, and especially the 'friend that sticketh closer than a brother.' Proverbs 18:24
10. It's being given a new nature' - God's nature; i.e., being 'born again'; John 3:3,7; Ephesians 4:24, II Corinthians 5:17
11. It gives Christian boldness; Acts 4:13, 29, 31, 13:46
12. It separates from this world; I John 2:15; Galatians 1:4; Romans 12:1,2
13. It's an experience of the love of God; Romans 5:8; John 3:16
14. It's believing in God's promise about your eternal destiny. Hebrews 6:11, I John 2:25

I'M SORRY TO TELL YOU,

But ... C.S. Lewis ... was a terrible heretic. He denied the inerrant inspiration of Scripture, called Jonah 'a tale' that is not historical, held to baptismal regeneration and sacramentalism, denied the vicarious substitutionary atonement of Christ, believed in prayers for the dead and purgatory, called hell 'a state of mind,' called the six-day creation a 'Hebrew folk tale,' and believed that pagans can be saved without faith in Christ." - copied

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us", John 1:14

"God was manifest in the flesh ...", I Timothy 3:16 b

"God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh", Romans 8:3

"Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.", I John 4:2

THE GLORIES OF THE BIBLE

“The **Bible** is a **Paradise** & complete **University**. There is more wisdom in the Bible than all the universities of the world. (By ‘best’ we mean perfect and without equal), It contains the best theology, the best history (and the key to understanding history), the best ‘philosophy’ (Ecclesiastes, Job), the best anthropology, the best natural philosophy, the best social science, the best apologetics, the best prophecy”.

Calling for ‘Ceasefire ’in Israel-Hamas War

“Pope Francis is calling for a ceasefire in Israel’s war against Hamas. He said, ‘Let no one abandon the possibility that the weapons might be silenced - let there be a ceasefire.’ (‘National Catholic Reporter’, 10/30/23).

“A ceasefire would only help those who are devoted to Israel’s destruction. For her own security, Israel must pursue the war until Hamas no longer controls Gaza. Israel has tried to live in peace with its vicious neighbor and did not start the war. Unlike its enemy, Israel tries to avoid civilian casualties. Her soldiers operate under law. They are not instructed to rape young women, chop up grandmothers, and behead babies. By Bible prophecy, in God’s grace, we understand the times. Israel is back in the land in an apostate condition to prepare for the final seven years of Daniel’s 70 Week prophecy (Daniel 9:27). Israel is back to welcome the Antichrist. She is unwittingly setting the stage for the ‘time of Jacob’s trouble’ (Jer 30:5-11), during which she will be converted and be right with her God for the first time in more than 2,500 years.

Only then will Israel have peace. For now, Israel must survive. She must defeat her enemies. She has every right to do this. It is not the business of popes or presidents or prime ministers of other nations to tell Israel how to fight this war or when to end it.”

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THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

Jesus’ Birth

“The birth of Jesus Christ was prophesied 136 times in the Old Testament.”

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Coca-Cola

“... removed cocaine from the recipe of their popular soft drink in the early 1900’s.”

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Death Toll

“The USA totals about 3,400,000 deaths per year.”

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Television

“... is the mass medium most naturally prone to personality ‘cults’ (tele-idolatry).” - copied

Iran & Persia

“Iran, under its ancient name Persia ... is mentioned 35 times in the Old Testament.”

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The ‘Heart’

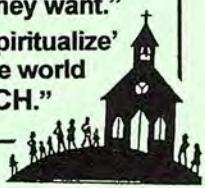
“The ‘heart’ is mentioned 833 times in the BIBLE.”

THE MISSION of the CHURCH

“Essentially, the great work of the CHURCH consists only in saving souls from the unavoidable wreck of the world that is sure to come.”

“The CHURCH gives people what they need - the ‘theatre’ gives them what they want.”

“The CHURCH that sets out to ‘spiritualize’ the world will soon find that the world will secularize the CHURCH.”



Questions About Lying, Ephesians 4:12-25

- Question #1 - Who is Called the ‘Father of Lies’ ?
John 8:22, Acts 5:3
- Question #2 - Which one of the Ten Commandments is against lying? *Exodus 20:16*
- Question #3 - To whom was the first lie told?
Genesis 3:1-3
- Question #4 - What subject was the first lie told about?
Genesis 3:1
- Question #5 - What lies - half truths - did Satan tell Eve?
Genesis 3:1-6
- Question #6 - Why do People Believe a Lie?
Psalms 62:4, John 3:19
- Question #7 - What did the Pharisees claim that Jesus lied about? *John 10:30-33*
- Question #8 - Which part of a ‘Christian’ can lie and needs to be warned about ?
Galatians 5:17-21; Colossians 3:9
- Question #9 - At what age do people start to lie?
Psalms 58:3
- Question #10 - What can Change a Person from Lying?
Ephesians 4:24-25
- Question #11 - Who cannot lie? *Titus 1:2, Deut. 32:4*
- Question #12 - What must be believed about Jesus Christ ? *John 9:35-38, 11:25,26, 20:27-29*



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December 2023

- 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.



Christmas Morning Service, 11:00

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Baptist Churches & Police Departments (A happy ending!)

“This summer LLM director Jim Robideau received a call from an Independent Baptist pastor in Ohio whose members had a run-in with a local police department. Several church members were passing out flyers for Vacation Bible School when an irate female resident called the police and complained, wanting the activity stopped. A police officer responded to the call by confronting the church people on the street, telling them to cease and informing them that they needed a license to go door-to-door. After asking which police department was involved, Attorney Robideau called the city attorney and left a voicemail message explaining the reason for his call and requesting a return call. The following day, Attorney Robideau received a call from the city attorney. She was very concerned and relayed that she had already spoken with the police chief about the matter. The church members were *not* required to get a license, and the police chief wanted the pastor and the church to know that they were welcome in his community. The police chief said that he considered the police department and the church to be on the ‘same team.’ Pastor, if you are actively spreading the gospel in your community, I believe that you would find many other police chiefs and sheriffs who feel the same way. Praise the Lord for such ‘public servants’ .” - ‘Lighthouse Legal Ministries’, Oct 2023

