

Merry Christmas 2019

“The Father’s Gift isn’t Under the Tree, it is the Tree”

Galatians 4:4-5; 1st Peter 2:24; 1st Corinthians 9:20-22;

Jeremiah 17:5-8; James 1:17

The Bible is the mind of Christ in 1st Corinthians 2:16 and we are to make the mind of Christ our way of thinking in Philippians 2:5.

So, as we renew our thinking in Christ, we can face life as Jesus did and that’s occupation with Christ.

Every time we face a test situation in life, we have the opportunity to make a choice to apply biblical truth in our soul or not.

And when we are filled with the Holy Spirit and learning, understanding, believing and applying the Word of God, we are producing divine good and that leads to what the Bible calls life!

True and lasting happiness is related to the essence or character of God, who’s always possessed perfect happiness, so there never was a time when He was not happy.

This happiness is part of God’s character, so it’s who He is and He’s not only perfect but He possesses perfect eternal happiness.

And He’s also happy with His plan of grace, which is the expression of His perfect happiness; so grace is the only source of our perfect happiness and a Merry Christmas.

The set time or the fullness of time means God the Father waited until the perfect time in history for the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

God the Father waited until every system of legalism or every religious system had proven itself false, bankrupt and unable to provide anything for the human race.

This means every religious system developed since the cross is merely a repetition of a system that existed before and the last to prove itself bankrupt was Judaism; so the set time or the fullness of time is the point in the history of the human race when all systems of works and religion had proven themselves unreliable to provide salvation, eternal life, forgiveness and cleansing of sin.

It’s the Word of God taught and received that makes the difference in our Christian life.

Too many believers will not have a truly Merry Christmas this year because they have no capacity from the Word for it.

These believers are insecure, totally pre-occupied with self; perhaps hearers of the Word but not doers.

But the winner believer has no fear, worries or anxiety because he’s occupied with the Father’s Christmas gift that’s not under the tree but it is the tree of life decorated with Jesus Christ nailed to it; so he’s unconcerned with self and that’s the mind of Christ.