

Merry Christmas “Good News That Will Cause Great Joy For All the People” *Luke 2:1-20*

2nd Corinthians 9:15 ‘Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.’

John 3:16 ‘For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.’

A perfect plan comes from the perfect character of God and everything that we will ever need in time is met in this one phrase ‘For God so loved the world that He gave’ and He gave His best for us knowing from eternity past every sin we would ever commit and yet He made provision for all of our sins by sending His Son, born of a virgin to be judged for our sins on the cross.

He knew every failure we’d ever have in the Christian life, therefore He provided the recovery technique; He knew every suffering, frustration, heartache, difficulty we’d ever encounter and He made a provision in His perfect plan for every situation in life, so that there’d never be a trial, testing or disaster too great for His plan!

Isaiah 7:14 ‘Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His Name Immanuel.’

Galatians 4:4-5 ‘But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.’

The fullness of time means every evil system of religion had been tried by Satan and every single one proved bankrupt and could not provide salvation for even one person.

Religion had reached its peak under Judaism as seen when religion rejected Jesus Christ. That’s why Jesus Christ came in the fullness of time and the attacks only intensified with more and more religion; so this sign was not just for that day but for all human history until Jesus returns.

4 REASONS FOR THE HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST OR WHY DID JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL GOD HAVE TO BECOME TRULY HUMAN?

- 1. He had to be true humanity to be our Savior; our Savior has to be a perfect man to be a substitute for sinful man.**
- 2. *Jesus Christ had to be truly human to be our Mediator; a mediator must be equal with both parties in the mediation; the cross is the basis of mediation but the One who hung on the cross is the Mediator and only He is truly God and truly hum.***
- 3. Jesus Christ had to be truly human to be our High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek as a priest is a man who represents his fellow man before God.**

4. He had to be truly human to be the fulfilment of the Davidic covenant which states that David will have a Son who'll reign on his throne forever.

Jesus Christ died twice on the cross, spiritually and physically so that we could be born twice, physically and spiritually!

If you're born once, you'll die twice (the Second Death) and if you're born twice (regenerated), you'll die once (physically unless you're in the Rapture).

The Lord Jesus Christ was born to die; the cross overshadowed the Creche.

The first Christmas was characterized by life and death and so it is this Christmas that eternal life through faith alone in Christ alone and eternal death or separation from God by refusing His free Gift are set before us.

Our attitude toward God's indescribable Gift determines our future.

It's been well said that's it's much better to give than receive but this Gift is much, much better to receive for us!

God the Father is well pleased with anyone who'll receive His Gift.

What our Christmas is going to be this year depends entirely upon one thing; our understanding of God's indescribable Gift.

Does it mean anything to us?

If not neither does Christmas.

The true meaning of Christmas is the Baby Jesus wrapped in death clothes, the Man Christ Jesus wrapped in grace and truth and our dying Substitute, the Lord Jesus wrapped around a cross for us!