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We, at C.P.R. Ministries would appreciate it very much if you would forward this newsletter to many of your friends. So few today in our churches have ever heard these truths. Allow the Holy Spirit to birth a curiosity in their hearts. Maybe they will join us in getting these truths around the world. "The fields are white already unto harvest; BUT the laborers are few."

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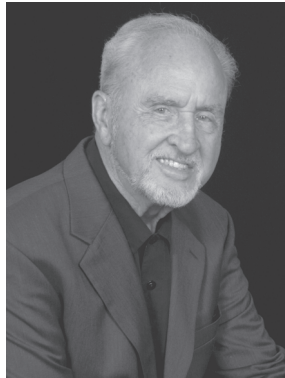
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THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS UPON US AGAIN



Do you ever look around you and ask; "What happened to the Christian celebration of the birth of our Lord?" Everything crowds Jesus Christ into the background and many secular traditions replace what was once sacred.

Today the emphasis is on commercialization and self-gratification. Where the Birth of Jesus the Christ was once the theme of this season, today it is Rudolf the red nosed reindeer, or Santa Claus, or the Grinch. The latest music offerings emphasize sleigh bells, and a Holly Jolly Christmas.

How does this season speak to us? Are we overloaded preparing for family reunions and gift buying, or are we preparing our hearts to rejoice in God's gift to mankind, and our overwhelming thankfulness for God's gift of His Son?

John 3:16 tells us: *"For God soooo loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son."* What did He give us? **"THE LAMB OF GOD!"** What is so significant about this? NOTE: He did not give us *"the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, but the Lamb of God."*

To the Jewish nation a Lord or King symbolized power and authority, while a lamb symbolized a SACRIFICE. God sent His Son to be "a propitiation = sufficient payment, once for all, for the sins of the world. To disregard this leaves this season an empty, meaningless façade. It has nothing to do with partying, decorating our homes or family get togethers; as much as we

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might enjoy them. It has to do with gratefully acknowledging the incomprehensible gift; the ultimate sacrifice to mankind from a merciful God, who expressed His unfathomable love to a lost world. Christmas is a time to recognize and proclaim the Lamb who came to die for the sins of an ungrateful world. **John 1:11** says: *"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."*

In eternity today, He is called "Lord of Lords and King of kings," but back then He was called "THE LAMB OF GOD, that taketh away the sins of the world." **John 1:29**. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, *"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"* Unless the world receives Him as God's Lamb, they will never truly know God the Father, or declare Jesus Christ as Lord and master of their lives. They might have religion, but they do not have Him!

Why did Jesus come to earth? To pay for our sins and to reveal the Father to us. While doing this He disrupted the religious practices of His day and became the target of their hatred. This was NOT an accident. It was predicted over and over throughout the Old and New Testaments.

Isa. 53: *Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

John 1:11 - KJV *"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."*

Until we recognize God's Lamb and recognize the Father's calling on His Son, we will never understand God's calling on our lives. Jesus was CALLED TO SUFFER; to be despised, rejected; lonely, misunderstood. Jesus told the Father it was "a bitter cup." He asked if it could be removed. Then He said "NEVERTHELESS." That is such a powerful word! "NEVERTHELESS!" What does it mean? It means; God's way is always perfect! Not always easy, but PERFECT. That is why we who have



declared the Lamb of God as our Lord and Savior, must be willing to do the will of God every day, regardless of the cost. **John 20:21**). "Just as You sent Me into the world, (To suffer; to endure; to die to my own desires; to glorify YOU.) even so (In the SAME WAY; to the same extent; With the same goal and purpose: to glorify God.) IN THE SAME WAY, I have sent them into the world."

Does this verse seem to fly into the face of the "blab it and grab it theology" of today? The multimillionaire leaders of this theology equate material prosperity with godliness. They preach, If you are not prosperous, you do not possess the "God kind of faith." To them, prosperity is a sign of godliness. If this were true, some of the richest people in the world, who think nothing of God and His kingdom, must possess something most believers do not possess, and thus they must be godlier than we.

For balance, remember; neither riches or poverty are evidence of spirituality, but obeying whatever the calling of God may be for our individual lives constitutes true godliness. God calls some to be wealthy, and to use their possessions to promote His kingdom. Others, who have little are "content with such things as they have" and use their talents to minister to others.

One of the most enlightening portions of the importance of Christ's obedience is found in **Philippians 2:5-13**. It clearly reveals the importance of Christ's obedience to the Father, and carries that imperative over to each of us. Paul admonished New Testament believers as follows.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

NOTE: BECAUSE Jesus was obedient to the end, HE unlike Adam, received His reward.

9 Wherefore: NOTE: this word, "wherefore." It refers back to Christ's total obedience unto death and explains how the following is the RESULT of His obedience. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth;

This was the RESULT of His total OBEDIENCE to the Father.

11 And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of [his] good pleasure.

I personally believe many of us in the U.S. are going to be shocked when we stand before His throne and see how far back we are in the line. Some totally unknown, simple, uneducated, believers who have been tortured daily for their faith, without denying Jesus Christ will be way ahead of many of us. In **Mark 10:31** Jesus said: *"The first shall be last, and the last shall be first."* Our ONLY responsibility is to be totally FAITHFUL to the END.

It is vital that we believers approach Christmas with the understanding that the same Lamb of God who paid the ultimate price for our sins, now declares: In **Luke 10:3**, Jesus said: *"I now send you into the world as lambs among wolves."* In **Mark 10:16**, Jesus said: *"Be wise as serpents but harmless as doves."* In **John 15:18 & 19** Jesus said: *"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."* EXPECT IT: GET USED TO IT!

Why else do you think Jesus told us in **Matthew 6:9**; *I have called you to pray every*

day; "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven?" This Christmas season should remind us again how we should live our daily lives. I John 2:5 tells us: "Love not the world, neither the things in the world. If ANY MAN/WOMAN love the world, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM."

During this Christmas season can we declare; Gal. 2:20; "I am crucified WITH CHRIST, NEVERTHELESS I LIVE, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (As God's Lamb.) Jesus said: "Rejoice that your name is written in heaven." (Not in earthly possessions or relationships,) but in the reality of God, The Holy Spirit dwelling in us, to make us to know His purpose and calling for our lives, till He calls us home.

If you and I have experienced Luke 14: 25-34 as a reality in our daily lives, we can look forward to the coming year with great expectancy; regardless of what happens, because as Paul said in I Thess. 5:18; "This is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Pat and I pray the coming Christmas season will challenge you to renew your decision to be as Paul urged us; I Cor. 15:58; "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, ALWAYS abounding in the work of the Lord, foreasmuch as you KNOW your labor is not vain in the Lord."

May each of you have the most blessed and joy filled Christmas EVER! REMEMBER: He came as a Lamb, but will one day; soon, come again as "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords; as the Lion of the tribe of Judah." He IS coming again; will we be ready and waiting with anticipation; or falling asleep?

Merry Christmas!

NOTE: "We've got people today who are very happy to celebrate Christmas or Easter or even Pentecost Sunday as long as nothing happens to disturb their comfortable lifestyle." May God help us to be constantly "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith and encouraging others to do the same."

Dr. Joseph A. Webb

A QUIZ

WHICH SITUATION DISTURBS YOU THE MOST?

1. A soul lost and on its way to Hell.... Or a scratch on your new car?
2. A church not growing... or your garden not growing?
3. Your Bible unopened...or your newspaper unread?
4. The church work being neglected...or housework neglected?
5. Missing a good Bible study...or your favorite TV program?
6. The millions who do not know Christ...or your inability to keep up with the neighbors?
7. Your tithes decreasing...or your income decreasing?
8. Your children late for Sunday School and Church...or late for public school?

WHICH REALLY DISTURBS YOU MOST? ---Author Unknown



My Personal Commitment

Here is the personal commitment the Lord led me to declare just before He revealed the “covenant marriage” message, and the writing of the books. This commitment is irreversible, because God said: “It is better to NEVER make a vow to God and later on say it was a mistake. If I do, He declares I am a “fool” and He will DESTROY the work of my hands. I fear God enough and trust Him enough to know it was one of the wisest decisions I ever made. It has caused me to experience many years of supernatural provision in whatever my hands have found to do for His Kingdom!

This agreement was based upon **Romans 10:9**: *“That if thou shalt CONFESS with thy mouth the Lord Jesus; (Or Jesus as Lord) and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead; thou SHALT BE SAVED.”* This should be the expected confession of everyone who testifies they are a New Testament Christian. John, the beloved also declared how one can be exposed to be a fake believer: **I John 2:4** *“He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in him.”*

I, Joseph A. Webb, do hereby acknowledge and submit, without reservation, the direction and ownership of my life, my possessions, my associations, my desires, hopes, dreams, aspirations, discouragements, and all that I am, or ever will be, to the Lordship of Jesus the Christ, the only begotten of the Father, who is the same yesterday, today and forever: this thirteenth day of February, 1975.

I further recognize that from this day forth, Jesus Christ is my total source and supply, my

sufficiency for time and eternity. I need nothing else besides!

I do hereby covenant, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to trust Him without reservation, to supply all my needs and desires. I will seek His leading, feed regularly on His word, and expect His power to be released through me.

May my God help my unbelief.

Joseph A. Webb

II Corinthians 9:8; *“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency, in all things, may abound unto every good work.”*

Luke 6:38; Jesus is speaking: *“Give and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom, for with the SAME measure that ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.”*

QUOTE: “That man is no fool, who gives what he cannot keep, in order to obtain that which he cannot lose.”

QUESTION:

1. Can others tell you belong to Jesus by your walk and talk?
2. Is God’s eternal Word your FINAL AUTHORITY when discerning truth from lies?
3. Do you cheerfully participate in declaring God’s eternal truth to those in your daily contacts and around the world?
4. Have you ever experienced a time of cooling off in your devotion to Jesus Christ? Did you need to be reminded of Jesus’ admonition in **Luke 9:62**, where He warned us: *“NO MAN, having put his hand to the plow and LOOKING BACK, is FIT for the Kingdom of God.”* May His word constantly challenge us to be “steadfast, unmovable, ALWAYS abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we KNOW our labor is not in vain IN THE LORD.”

Quotes by

Leonard Ravenhill: Evangelist 1907-1994

1. *"The greatest loss in life is not losing an arm or losing a friend or losing a fortune, it's losing your relationship with God."*
2. *"Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount never blessed a material thing! The richer we get in the church, the poorer we get in the Spirit."*
3. *"Scripture does not say that you lose your first love, it says you LEFT IT."*
4. *"I'm looking for something so majestic (that) no man dare to stick his name on it. If he did, he'd drop dead."*
5. *"The world out there is not waiting for a new definition of Christianity; it's waiting for a new DEMONSTRATION of Christianity."*
6. *"Why do we expect to be better treated in this world than Jesus was?"*
7. *"All you have to do is get in a closer walk with God and you'll find your enemies in your own church."*
8. *"A man who is intimate with God cannot be intimidated by man."*
9. *"If we displease God, does it matter whom we please? If we please Him, does it matter whom we displease?"*



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY:

Our partners in Central and South America are continuing to negotiate with church leaders in Columbia, Costa Rica and Panama about possible pastor's conferences this winter. There are many details that must be worked out, but we believe the Lord will accomplish His will in all these situations. Our responsibility is to remain neutral and pray; "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done."

Also pray for favor with the publishing company who have indicated an interest in distributing our books in 57 countries. If we think our materials online has been fruitful around the world, it is nothing compared to the possibilities of this door opening. This publishing company conducts pastor's conferences around the world, all year long. When pastors attend, they pay a fee for the conference, the meal and a book. We are talking about thousands of pastors from every denomination being exposed to the "covenant marriage" message!

Please pray for CPR Ministries for the coming year. There are many challenges, and many needs. Jehovah Jireh (the Lord who provides) has been, and continues to be our TOTAL SOURCE for over 45 years. If you are a supporter of CPR, it is because He has put it in your heart to be a part of all we do. Thank you for your faithfulness. Now we need to believe Him to widen our base of support to accomplish more in 2019 than ever before. Please pray earnestly with us about this!

Christmas

A SAVIOR IS BORN



Pat and I extend to each of you our most sincere wish for a blessed Christmas season and the most spiritually blessed New Year you have ever had! We love and appreciate each of you for being a vital part of all the Lord has called us to do.

Joe & Pat Webb

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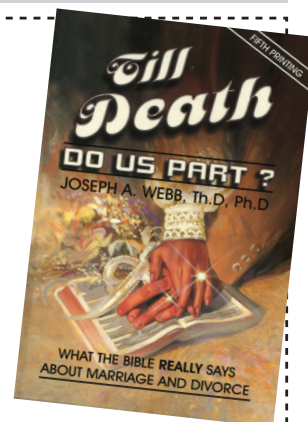
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