

CHRISTMAS SERVICE 2006
THE CELEBRATION, ADORATION AND DEFENSE
OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS STORY

MATTHEW 2:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**"IMAGINE A CHRISTMAS WITHOUT
JESUS CHRIST"**

SUB-TITLE:

WHAT THE WORLD DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Part 3 of 4

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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Introduction to the Text;

Matthew 2:1-17

Statement of Textual Summation and Theme

Matthew 2:1-2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Imagining a Christmas Without Jesus Christ ?

*That's Exactly What The Progressive,
Secularist of Our Day is All About*

The **Removing** of the "Reminders" of **Who** Jesus Christ Is.

Taking Down of the Reminders of **What** Jesus Christ is All About.

Canceling of the Reminders of **Why** Jesus Christ is so Important.

The Self-Proclaimed Tolerant, Are intolerant of Jesus Christ !

What The World Doesn't Want You to Know
About Christmas

Because Christmas is a Message Will Not, Cannot Die.
Because, The Message is Eternal

It's That Time of the Year Again Church,
When Those Great Biblical, Theological Experts from ABC News or CNN

Why Cant ABC & CNN just Read the Scriptures ?
They Can, But They Wont.

**"IMAGINE A CHRISTMAS
WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST"**

WHAT THE WORLD DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW

1.) *Is that Christmas is a Reality*

Unfortunately for the Likes of the ACLU,
The Celebration of Christmas is Global, Worldwide Event.

**There is no Other Day in The Year
Where There Comes to a Stop Like on Christmas Day**

It's Christmas:

From the Cold Raining Streets In Frankfurt, Germany, and throughout the nation
Christmas-Feast is held Where Offices are Closed In Celebration of Christmas and
people gather in the streets...

It's Christmas:

In The Summer Heat of the Islands of Tonga,

Christmas Hymns are Sung Nightly in Parades as Church Bells Ring

It's Christmas:

In the major cities of India Christmas caroling processions will be seen in the streets and thoroughfares. Though the majority population is Hindu and Moslems, Christmas is celebrated with much fanfare throughout the country. Christmas Day is a national holiday in India and people irrespective of their religion celebrate it alongside with the Christians and the Christmas story.

It's Christmas:

In Singapore, A. P. News - - Singapore is set to celebrate its biggest and brightest Christmas in the Tropics ever. Singapore's annual 'Christmas in the Tropics' returns for a seven-week extravaganza from 11 November 2006 to 2 January 2007.
- Tourism is up 27% ! as a result.

It's Christmas:

In America, Where on Christmas Day in Los Angeles, The Freeway Capitol of the World, You Drive as Fast as You Want.... The Roadway's Will Be Empty and Business Close, as Friends and Family Gather Together.

THE REALITY OF CHRISTMAS IS

1a.) *It's about God sending us His Son*

Here's The Reality of It !

God says "I Have Sent My Son to You"

But Why Send Him to us ?

*This World is in Need of a Touch
the touch of heaven.*

It's That God Came Down

we need "outside" help

Jesus Christ is God's Greeting to Us
the message is...

Romans 8:1-(3)

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He **condemned sin** in the flesh, - Jesus Flipped the Power of Sin Over

John 3:17

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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THE REALITY OF CHRISTMAS IS

1b.) It's about God giving us His gift

God's Gift to Us is Jesus Christ.

Tradition Has It,

That Gift Giving was Adopted Based Upon The Wise men
Having Given Gifts to Jesus at His Birth

Gifts are Interesting Things

Gifts Cannot be Earned.

Gifts Cannot Be **Bought.** // Gifts Cannot Be **Exchanged.**

Gifts Cannot Be **Sold**. // Gifts Cannot Be **Given Away**.

Accepting a Gift is Humbling by Nature.

A True Gift is to "Better" Us

2 Cor. 8:9

For your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

Eph. 2:4-10a

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), **6** and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, **7** that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, **9** not of works, lest anyone should boast. **10** For we are His workmanship,

THE REALITY OF CHRISTMAS IS

1c.) *It's God telling us the truth*

Luke 2:25-35

There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. **26** And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. **27** So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, **28** he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: **29** "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; **30** For my eyes have seen Your salvation **31** Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, **32** A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." **33** And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. **34** Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against **35** (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

This Child Jesus Would Be The Point of Division
(among all nations)

"IMAGINE A CHRISTMAS WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST"

WHAT THE WORLD DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW

2.) *Is that Jesus did it all for us*

the life and ministry, the mission of Jesus Christ
is unique above and beyond all others.

Jesus Christ Single-handedly Conqueror Death for Us!

This Christmas, Jesus,

rose from the grave, conquering sin and death

1Cor. 15:52-57

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. **54** So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "*Death is swallowed up in victory.*" **55** "*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?*" **56** The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. **57** But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King, Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem". Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail, the Incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

*Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in his wings.. Mild He lays His glory by, **Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."***

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IS THAT JESUS DID IT ALL FOR US

2a.) *Jesus got us His presences*

Jesus Not Only Brought Heaven Down,
He Built a Ladder for Us to Heaven.

When We Were Little,
there was something fantastic about building a fort in the living room. // there something awesome about sitting in a tree-house.

John 14:3

I go to **prepare a place for you**, - - that **where** I am, **there** you may be also.

Psalms 23:6

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Matt. 28:18

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; **and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**" Amen.

But what's it mean to have his **presences**?

Until He Returns - we walk with Him in spirit.

1John 1:7

But if we **walk in the light**, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship one with another,

John 14:16

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

**18 I will not leave you orphans;
I will come to you.**

IS THAT JESUS DID IT ALL FOR US

2b.) Jesus **got us** His righteousness

what's it mean to have his **righteousness**?

When God's Gift to Us is Received,
there is a "**crowning**" so to speak that takes place.

(In an Instant of Time, There is a Decree Given, There is a Transaction Made and a transfer is completed - like **EFT** but Better!)

Rom 4:2-6

For if Abraham was justified by good deeds, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God. **3** For what does the Scripture say? "*Abraham believed God, and it was **accounted** to him for righteousness.*" **4** Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. **:5** But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is **accounted** for righteousness, **6** just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

James 2:23

And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham **believed** God, and it was **accounted** to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He **gave** the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

2 Cor 5:19

that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

IS THAT JESUS DID IT ALL FOR US

2c.) **Jesus got us His heaven**

What's it mean to have his **heaven**?

I Know Where I'm Going

The Events at the Cross

Luke 23:40

But the thief rebuked other and said, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? **41** And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." **42** Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." **:43** And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in **Paradise**."

John 14:2

In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

"IMAGINE A CHRISTMAS WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST"

WHAT THE WORLD DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW

3.) **Is that God requests your presences**

Throughout Scripture // Throughout Man's History
we have desired to see God, to know more about Him
// to be with Him.

Man's Definition of God Varies, But This is For Sure...
That love and grace and mercy and compassion is at the top of the lists

GOD REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCES

3a.) *Because He has made an announcement*

I have come to you

*I have come to you in your **thoughts & meditations**
I have come to you in your **triumphs & victories**
I have come to you in your **difficulties & loneliness***

The Lord is "**Announcing**" His Presences in the Thing of Life

There's a Message *in* Life !

Rom. 8:32-35

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? **33** Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. **34** Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

GOD REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCES

3b.) Because He has shown us His mission

To Bring *Us* To Heaven !

I have come to show you the way the way to heaven

2Pet. 1:10-11

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; **11** for so an **entrance** (homecoming) will be supplied to you **abundantly** (large, wide, grand) into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*I have shown you the way in My **Life**
I have shown you the way in My **Bible**
I have shown you the way in My **Words***

GOD REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCES

3c.) Because He has a special desire

I have come to invite you to be with me

To Be *With Us* There

John 3:1-18

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." **:3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **:4** Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" **:5** Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again.' **8** The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of

the Spirit.” :9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” :10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

If You Need Ministry of Any Kind

as soon as this song is over, you come forward today, and experience God's mercy and grace in your own life.

End of Study