

THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS THE POWERFUL TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

WELL CHURCH, I KNOW IT'S ONLY NOV. 30TH, BUT I THOUGHT SINCE THE WORLD IS BOMBARDING US WITH THE TRADITION OF CHRISTMAS MATERIALISM, WE SHOULD JUMP INTO A CHRISTMAS SERIES IMMEDIATELY. THERE IS NOTHING INHERINTLY WRONG WITH TRADITION. PEOPLE SEEM TO COME TOGETHER DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, GENEROSITY BETWEEN ONE ANOTHER IS MAGNIFIED, THE PRETTY LIGHTS AND FAMILY NIGHTS, CHRISTMAS CAROLS, AND EGGNOG. THIS TIME OF THE YEAR IS FILLED WITH WHAT MANY PEOPLE CALL "THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT". NOW, I CAN SEE WHY MANY PEOPLE WOULD REFER TO THIS THIS TIME OF YEAR AS SUCH, BECAUSE WE LIVE IN A CULTURE THAT IS VERY SELF SERVING, SELF PROMOTING, AND SELF GRATIFYING. MANKIND BEING CURSED BY SIN AND THEREFORE PRIDEFILLED, JUST FLOWS WITH THE CULTURE. SURE, BEING GENEROUS AND KIND TO EACH OTHER IS AMAZING BUT, THE SINNER CAN HAVE A GOOD MORAL COMPASS AND HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LIVING GOD. WHICH MEANS, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DO GOOD THINGS WHO WILL UNFORTUNATELY END UP IN HELL. JESUS SAID, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME". THIS IS A DECLARATION OF TRUTH, NOT A THREAT. BUT BEFORE ANYONE GETS OFFENDED, WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT GOD IS HOLY, RIGHTEOUS, PURE, TRUTH, LIGHT, LIFE, AND LOVE. IN HIS HOLINESS, RIGHTEOUSNESS, PURITY, AND TRUTH HE MUST PUNISH SIN. BUT IN HIS GRACEFILLED LOVE, HE SENT A

REDEEMER. JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD AND SON OF MAN, PAID THE PRICE IN THE PLACE OF THE SINNER. HE DIED THE DEATH THAT WE DESERVED ONLY TO RISE AGAIN BECAUSE NO SIN WAS FOUND IN HIM. THIS RISEN KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS REIGNS IN HEAVEN WHILE BUILDING HIS CHURCH ON EARTH. RETURNING ONE DAY SOON TO ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM HERE. THIS IS WHY WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!! SANTA CLAUSE CAN NOT BRING SALVATION, HEALING, AND FREEDOM TO ONE'S MIND, BODY, SPIRIT, AND SOUL. ONLY JESUS. SO LET US BEGIN THIS SERIES, "THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS".

Matthew 1:18-2:4 NIV

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

TODAY I WANT TO LOOK AT THE 4 NAMES JESUS IS ADDRESSED AS IN THIS TEXT. JESUS, IMMANUEL, KING, AND MESSIAH

JESUS IS THE GREEK FORM OF JOSHUA (YESHUA) WHICH MEANS “THE LORD SAVES”

John 3:16-18 NIV

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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

JESUS SAVES US FROM DEATH

Romans 5:8-10 NIV

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

JESUS SAVES US FROM SIN AND SEPERATION FROM GOD

Romans 8:1-4 NIV

8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

JESUS SAVES US FROM THE LAW OF GOD BECAUSE HE FULLFILLED THE LAW IN THE FLESH AND LAID DOWN HIS LIFE IN THE FLESH TO BE OUR SACRIFICE AND SUBSTITUTE

IMMANUEL- GOD WITH US
THE EMACULATE/MIRACULOUS CONCEPTION AND VIRGIN
BIRTH IS ESSENTIAL IN HIS DIETY.
THIS SEPERATES HIM FROM EVERY OTHER HUMAN. FULLY GOD
AND FULLY MAN, HE FULFILLS PROPHECY

Isaiah 7:13-14 NIV

¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

HE IS OUR SYMPATHETIC HIGH PRIEST WHO WAS TEMPTED
AND TRIED LIKE EVERYONE ELSE

Hebrews 2:16-18 NIV

¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who

is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

HE IS WITH US IN THE BATTLE OF LIFE, HE IS ALIVE BECAUSE HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!

KING-SOVERIEGN GOD-ADONAI-EL SHADDAI

JESUS IS THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS WHO WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE AND DESTROY HIS ENEMIES, HE IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP WHO'S KINGDOM IS ALREADY/NOT YET

1,000 YEAR MILLENIAL REIGN HERE ON EARTH AFTER HIS TRIUMPHANT RETURN

PAST

John 12:12-13 NIV

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

HE IS PRESENTLY RULING IN HEAVEN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

FUTURE

Revelation 19:11-16 NIV

¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords.

MESSIAH-ANOINTED ONE-LIFE GIVER

John 1:1-5 NIV

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

JESUS IS THE ANOITED SON OF GOD WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN

John 14:18-20 NIV

¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

John 20:30-31 NIV

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

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