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GROW IN GRACE NEWSLETTER

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Volume 46, No. 51, December 21, 2021 / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes—designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and

wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD JESUS CHRIST!"***

JESUS— "NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS!" (Matt. 6:24)

In reality, Matthew 1 & 2 and Luke 1 & 2 are exclusive portions of Holy Spirit revelation about THE BIRTH OF CHRIST— totally void of the traditions of men!

BUT WE HAVE ALL GROWN UP in a religious culture that DECREES solely by its own authority that we have every right to BOTH mix AND equate MAN-MADE traditions of 'Christmas' (which have no Biblical or Historic connection) with the Birth of Christ. It does not seem to matter, (to even most Pastors), what the Bible sets forth!

THE RESULT of the mixing of 'Christmas' with the Birth of Christ BRINGS ABOUT a serious contest as to which WINS OUR HEARTS!

In spite of best intentions for it not to be so— for the multitudes, CHRISTMAS with all of its trimmings is the focus — NOT JESUS THE SAVIOUR FROM SIN!

INDEED, year after year multitudes are left ignorant of, UNIMPRESSED by, and unmoved as to the MANY REASONS why Jesus came! **We should not be surprised, for as JESUS has plainly said— "NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS!"**

HISTORICAL and Biblical truth REVEALS THAT:

1) Traditional Christmas, (That is, all the things we do at Christmas which are not set forth in the Bible), are very different from what is found in the Bible, as to the Birth of Christ.

2) MOREOVER, many years of trying to MIX THE TWO have proved the words of Jesus, again and again: *“NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS!”* (Matt. 6:24)

3) MULTITUDES of genuine Christians increasingly yield to the CULTURE. Thus, **CHRISTMAS is BIG and the Birth of Christ is small!**

BECAUSE OF THE HUGE REQUIREMENTS OF ‘CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS— FOR MANY, Jesus is left with only

1) A mere presence or place;

2) While others manage a supposed prominence;

3) AND exceedingly rare are those who with undivided hearts give to JESUS the full PREEMINENCE He is due!

AGAIN: NO SURPRISE, FOR— “NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS!”

QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT COULD BE WRONG WITH MODELING AFTER WHAT WE FIND IN SCRIPTURE?

2. WHY IS THE BIBLICAL MODEL SO UTTERLY REJECTED?

3. WHY DO EVEN LEADING PASTORS REJECT THE BIBLICAL TERMINOLOGY OF ‘The Birth of Christ’ and repeatedly replace

GOD'S terminology with a man-made terminology that has NO connection to anything in the Bible?

4. WHAT IS GAINED BY REJECTING HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRED WORDS and practices for words and practices created by man?

HERE IS A PLEA: LET US ONE AND ALL, HEAR and RECEIVE God's Word— WHICH is full of wonder and celebration when the topic is the birth of Christ.

The first Christians could not stop rejoicing!

LET US JOIN IN WITH THEM!

And if we dare to lock ourselves to the wonderful Word of God, the Holy Spirit will also lead us into great joy, wonder, and holy celebration of the Advent of CHRIST, **as well as great and HOLY EXPECTATION of HIS SECOND COMING!**

THUS, we come to the most important part of this article— **FOR A search in the Holy Word of God reveals at least 24 reasons why Jesus came!**

*May we all, meditate upon, rejoice in, and act upon them **so that JESUS HIMSELF is Center Stage in our worship AND in our daily lives!***

REMINDER: Biblical truth is not to be argued over; but to be humbly applied to our own lives. IF SHARED WITH OTHERS, it is to be done in humility— which means 'waiting upon the LORD' for HIM to give continuing revelation to one's self and/or to others.

**HERE IS GLORIOUS TRUTH FROM THE WORD OF GOD!
JESUS CAME,**

1. To reveal God the Father to man: No man hath seen God at any time; **the only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, **He hath declared Him**, (John 1:18) Jesus said unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet you have not known me, Philip? **He that has seen Me has seen the Father**; and how do you say then, Show us the Father? (John 14:9)

2. Because God the Father sent him: Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: **as my Father has sent Me**, even so send I you, (John 20:21, John 3:16-17; 6:38).

3. To be the Saviour of the world: And we have seen and do testify that **the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world**, (1 John 4:14).

4. To preach the kingdom of God: And He said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, **that I may preach** there also: for therefore came I forth, (Mark 1:38; Luke 4:43).

5. To bear witness to the truth: Pilate therefore said unto Him, Are you a king then? Jesus answered, you say that I am a king. To this end was I born, **and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth**. Every one that is of the truth hears my voice, (John 18:37).

6. To be a light in the world: I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believes on Me should not abide in darkness, (John 12:46).

7. To fulfill the law: Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill, (Matthew 5:17).

8. To do the will of His Father: For I came down from heaven, **not to do My own will, but the will of Him** that sent Me, (John 6:38).

9. To be a divider of men: Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: **I came not to send peace, but a sword.** For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law, (Matt 10:34, 35)

10. To seek and save those who are lost: For the Son of man is come to **seek and to save that which was lost**, (Luke 19:10).

11. To call sinners to repentance: When Jesus heard it, He said unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: **I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance**, (Mark 2:17).

12. To save sinners... really bad ones: This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, **that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief, (1 Timothy 1:15).**

13. To minister and to give His life a ransom for many: Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many, (Matthew 20:28).

14. To finish the work of the Father: Jesus said unto them, **My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work**, (John 4:34; John 17:4).

15. To be the propitiation for our sins: Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, **and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins**, (1 John 4:10).

16. To put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself: For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared **to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself**, (Hebrews. 9:26).

17. To take away our sins: And you know that **He was manifested to take away our sins**: and in Him is no sin, (1 John 3:5).

18. To die upon the Cross: Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour: **but for this cause came I** unto this hour, (John 12:27).

19. To redeem those under the law, that they might receive adoption of sons: But when the fullness of the time was come, **God sent** forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, **To redeem them** that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons, (Galatians 4:4, 5).

20. That we might live through Him: In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that **God sent** His only begotten Son into the world, **that we might live** through Him, (1 John 4:9).

21. That we might have life and have it more abundantly: The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I AM come that** they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly, (John 10:10).

22. To bless us by turning us away from sin: Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, **sent Him to bless you**, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities, (Acts 3:26).

23. To destroy the works of the devil: He that commits sin (as a continuing pattern of life), is of the devil; for the devil sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested**, (revealed), that He might destroy the works of the devil, (1 John 3:8).

24. To make it possible for the righteousness of the law to be fulfilled in us through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit: God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, (Romans 8:3, 4). [A variety of sources used in preparing this article]

HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOUR!

Great Grace to you all! James
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NEWS NOTES:

NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, DECEMBER 25!

NEXT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY is scheduled for **January 1, 2022 *** 8:00 AM**, — **Men's Bible Study: THE BOOK OF JOB**, (*Doors open by 7:30am... coffee, juice, donuts, and Hardee's Biscuits are available!*)

***** NEXT Ladies Bible Study! January 11, 2022 @ 11:00 AM**

SUNDAY SERVICES, DECEMBER 26

1. * Sunday School at 9:30am:** Nursery, Children's classes, Youth, and Adult classes.

2. * WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45am!**

December 26— NO EVENING SERVICE

TUESDAYS: WEEKLY Youth Group Meeting, ages 12 and up ... Tuesdays a 7:15pm... at Jaden and Rhi's home...

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ SOUTHSIDE: NEXT ADULT PRAYER SERVICE IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 5, 2022

6:30pm— come in back 'double doors' under the Drive Thru awning!

**** Adult Prayer Service**

**** Young FAMILIES Prayer Service... Adam will notify you!**

***** LOVE OFFERINGS UNTO THE LORD BY MAIL or by ONLINE GIVING:**

SUCH funds, (if checks), make out to Southside Baptist) — MAIL TO: Southside Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1594, Gallatin, TN 37066/ OR YOU MAY CHOOSE TO GIVE via ONLINE GIVING: <https://southsidebaptist.breezechms.com/give/online>

HEALTH REMINDERS as to CHURCH SERVICES AND as to Responding with WISDOM and NOT fear IN SEEKING TO KEEP AS HEALTHY AS WE CAN— SO AS TO BE ACTIVE IN THE KINGDOM BUSINESS OF THE LORD!

1. IF YOU ARE SICK... [OR if you are in a state of high immune deficiency or if (at home or work) you are caring for one who is sick; or if you have • Fever; • Coughing; • Chills; • Headache; • Sore throat; etc.], Please stay home!]

2. IF YOU ARE HEALTHY and well... you may or may not choose to wear a mask... WE do not require it. WE CONTINUE to encourage FREEDOM as to 'social distancing'... masks ... vaccine choices, etc. — PLEASE HONOR THE LORD, by continuing to give sensitivity and respect one to another.

3. In addition to carefulness, good hydration, good nutrition, and sleep— ALSO: SEEK TO BUILD UP A STRONG IMMUNE SYSTEM! |

PERSONALLY TAKE ELDERBERRY, VITAMIN C, ZINC, GINGER, VITAMIN D, Quercetin, and a good multi-vitamin that includes fiber... And I have a PRESCRIPTION of Ivermectin... TO TAKE, if needed.

DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH! BE PROACTIVE! BE PREVENTIVE!

4. LET each of us DO OUR PART IN personal hygiene. **[IF you use the restrooms— please wash your hands with SOAP; and use nearby SANITIZER.]**

5. HERE IS AN EDUCATIONAL resource from The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons... FROM Doctors who successfully treat covid-19 patients! => <https://breggin.com/covid-19-home-treatment/>

Peter McCullough, MD testifies to Texas Senate HHS Committee. BRIEF. EXCELLENT: → <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAHi3lX3oGM>

The PDF booklet: A Guide to Home-Based COVID Treatment can be downloaded ... **focus is on PREVENTION & early treatment:** <https://www.truthforhealth.org/patientguide/patient-treatment-guide/>