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'Tis The Season 2024

Praise GOD everyone! It's here, the holiday season is once again upon us. Let us say, Christmas is what we make it. Okay let us say that again so it sinks in, Christmas is what we make it. We know that from a Biblical scholarly point of view that December 25th is probably not the actual date of CHRIST'S Birth. Then there is the tradition of the Christmas tree which is believed to have originated in Germany and spread to the United States in the 1820s. During its evolution the tree may or may not have been used solely for Christian purposes. Let's not forget about Jolly Old Saint Nicholas AKA Santa Claus. Santa Claus's origins can be traced back to the 4th century saint, Saint Nicholas, who was known for his generosity and secret gift-giving. Somehow that grew to be a story of a Jolly old elf that lives in the North Pole who uses reindeer and a sleigh to fly the whole earth and deliver toys to all the good little

boys and girls. These are the traditions we have grown up with here in America, all of which that can be criticized and have holes poked though as not being authentic ways of celebrating the Greatest Gift ever given. I personally have no problem with these things because they evoke many precious memories of Christmas's long passed. As Christians Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to share the true meaning of the season. We are the ones who KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. December 25th is the date set aside and recognized by this world as the birth of JESUS. Let us not forget this was a VIRGIN BIRTH! We read in the scripture, **And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And**

he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

(Luke 1:30-35)

This is the Gospel Truth and Christmas is our opportunity to shine light on the miracle of the Virgin Birth. **For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the**

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throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON! The Christmas Tree may have had some questionable beginnings but early Christians who began using the tree specifically used evergreen trees to symbolize eternal life which can only be found in CHRIST. Our tree is adorned with a treetop star that symbolizes the star of Bethlehem which is said to have led the three wise men to JESUS. My favorite ornament on the whole tree shows Santa Claus bowing before manger with the Baby JESUS. Everything bows to JESUS! **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)** Yes, Christmas is what we make it and the message is, **Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (Luke 2:10-14)** JESUS is Our HEAVENLY FATHER'S response to all that is wrong in the world, HE IS THE GREATEST GIFT EVER GIVEN. We here at KJIR want to say thanks for the prayers and financial love gifts from our listeners and underwriters throughout this past year. Please keep praying for us as we are looking at some equipment upgrades in the new year. To all of you we wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year. GOD BLESS YOU!

Michael Wortman

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