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A Christmas Story

THE SEED OF GOD

Lost in modern holiday traditions are the timeless truths found in the artful narrative of the birth of Christ as recorded in the first chapter of Luke. Sadly the typology is sacrificed on the altar of clumsy, annual repetition and lackluster recitation in childish drama. It is unfortunate, within a few familiar words, these droning cadences often leave the hearers to suppose that nothing new can be found in these powerful verses. The truth is while "nothing new" may be found there, there is sadness in the fact that what is as old as time itself, here in *metaphor* - and it goes unheeded. What is the metaphor? I will attempt to reveal it, but if you start to hear 'rumpa - pump - pum' in the background I will know that I have failed.

"Christmas" while attempting to expose it, has veiled the story of the authentic birth of Christ. The concept of "Christmas" has so clouded the true Gospel narrative regarding the birth of Jesus *in us* that we have missed an integral part of the principles of salvation - **Christ in us.**

SALVATION BEGINS AND ENDS WITH GRACE

When the angel appeared to Mary and made his salutation, his greeting contained a declaration of grace:



*"...Hail, thou that art
highly favoured, the Lord
is with thee: blessed art
thou among women."
Luke 1:28*

The necessity and awareness of being favored (called to receive Jehovah's Grace) accorded to those visited by the Holy Spirit is nearly absent today. Somewhere among the dialogue of "whosoever will" and the indiscriminate "Jesus Loves You" bumper stickers, the glorious doctrine of election **and adulterated the sovereignty of our God** has been laid aside.

We have come to expect our God to promptly answer *US* when we call. Therefore we have forgotten (or never

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realized) that when the Creator of the Universe does visit, it is a wonderful day for the one visited "...for thou hast found favour with God." (Luke 1:30) John 1:13 says not in vain "[We] were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of [the will] God." Nor does Jehovah say lightly, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

Paul reiterates, "Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth." (Romans 9:15-18)

We must never forget how this "Christmas" story begins: **With Grace toward and merited by an exemplary life, deemed worthy of visitation by the Almighty.**

SALVATION BEGINS WITH CONCEPTION

I promised to reveal the metaphor. The seed of Christ, engrafted into the womb of Mary portrays an example of what happens when a person relinquishes their will when visited by the Holy Spirit – that is the very moment in time when the **Seed of God** is placed within us!

SALVATION IS ANIMATED BY GESTATION

Nothing in nature is instant. Just as being born of water (in the flesh) is a progression, so this story of Christ's conception shows us that regeneration of the soul is a progression for every Believer. The Savior chose to describe this concept as "birth" for a reason. Being born requires several, sequential and timely occurrences. What to learn from this is: There is nothing instantaneous about birth – or the salvation of souls. Lack of understanding this concept will cause us to miss the secondary metaphor behind Jesus' great question, "*Who is my mother?*" (Matthew 12:48) ([The Questions of Jesus, Question #28, Page 70](#))



MARY CHRISTMAS?

What did Mary do?
*"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 1:35)
That "*holy thing*" is none other than Christ!

After questioning the impossibility of such a proposal and being assured that it would be as Jehovah had said, Mary *submitted* to the will of her Father and surrendered totally making a beautiful statement of surrender and obedience: "*And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.*" (Luke 1:38)

Now, we can begin to see a parallel to the experience we call being "born again". We see

1. The overshadowing (visitation)
2. The expectation of an impossibility
3. The questioning within
4. The submission to the High One

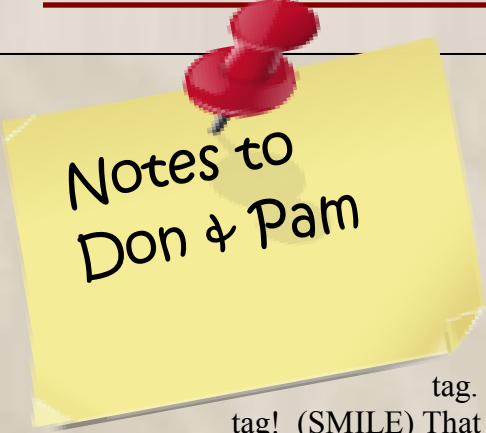
Upon reaching this point of our own submission to the Father's calling, we will notice the similarities in this story and our own experience... *AND*...we will have the Seed of God implanted within us!

John 6:44, "***No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him....***"

THIS SEED HAS WITHIN IT THE DNA STRUCTURE OF A NEW YOU IN CHRIST

Just as Mary was to carry the Seed of Christ within her for the next nine months before giving birth - taking

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Notes to
Don & Pam

For the last few days, I have been meditating on the comment Don made on a recent radio program. "Jesus said, 'Look for me... I'll be there. You can find me if you want to.'" ...I landed in LA with an hour and a half to my next flight. I went to Carl Junior's to have dinner. I placed my order, chatting with the cashier about how he liked living in LA. He said that it was okay with him. He said he was originally from Palm Springs. As I glanced down to get the change he laid on the counter, I noticed his name tag. It said, "Jesus." Wow! I was not expecting Him to be wearing a name tag! (SMILE) That was fun. I'll keep looking. Thanks for all you do! (NM)

I was thinking as I was listening to the show today that maybe the "oil" in the lamps could be seen as patience. I really enjoyed the show today (11/4/2013) it was indeed a blessing to my heart. I am doing better today. I know that each day is new and each day is a time of learning and healing. I need to take each day as it comes and wait for His grace to show me all that He would teach me today. It has been so hard this year to not look at all the "holiday" stuff because I miss my family so much and all the things of this "time" of year brings them all back to me but I feel that it is just a time of letting go and dying to all things of the flesh and live only for the things of the Father. With you on my heart (TX)

I was hoping maybe to receive material on the Rapture. we are hoping to expand our studies on this subject. I just want to say thank you again, we are still learning & still studying to find & praise Truth & spreading the joy of scripture. (NEW – OK)

FACEBOOK POST: Thank you for your diligence. You make me want to follow Him more closely. Thank you for the coupon I'll use it every weekday Morning at 8 am EST.

Today (10/29) I was listening to the 'radio' stream, and in your response to a female caller, you used the term "IOW Bible Study". I didn't hear your definition of IOW [NOTE FROM TRI: IOW = "In other words"] but if you did, the recording suddenly ended (short). I listened twice, and it ended at the same point both times...I was in total agreement with the comments you said to her. From our beginnings, I thought it was healthy to question everything the 'pastor' says, and test it against scripture. When I forgot that, I we got led astray by every wind of doctrine coming from the 'pull-pits.' Anyway, please explain IOW Bible study. Thanks and blessings! (CO)

FACEBOOK POST: "Thanks Don and co for sending us DVDS to Ireland, they are always a pleasant surprise!"

IN RESPONSE TO JESUS BEING THE WORD OF GOD: I have heard people say "God cannot come down and speak to you Himself, you need a human mentor/guide, spiritual covering". when I hear things like this, I marvel (NIGERIA)

Writing to let you know how the Father is continuing to teach me as a result of Don's counsel a couple of weeks ago. As I listened yesterday to the radio program, the Spirit reminded me of the passage in Sirach about buying and selling (Sirach 27: 2, 3): "As a stake is driven firmly into a fissure between stones, so sin is wedged in between selling and buying. If a person is not steadfast in the fear of the Lord, his house will be quickly overthrown." Ouch!! Then I started thinking about an advertisement I had written and a claim it makes for one of my products: "is that TOTALLY true?????" I went back and looked at it, and found a place where I needed to make an adjustment. Now my conscience is clear again and I can move on. I find this VERY exciting, to find

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His Spirit right here with me to help keep me from sinning! I pray He will stay with me every day so I can walk the straight and narrow path, since I seem to be called to be in business...Thanks again for your counsel; it makes a HUGE difference in my life! (CA)

... thank you from me for being obedient and getting the truth out, I listened to TRI this morning and it was like I was getting a slap upside my head (gentle one) about Patience, all summer I kept hearing (better days are coming be patient) I haven't listened to TRI in a while and it felt good this morning can't wait to listen tomorrow...THANK YOU FOR GETTING THE TRUTH OUT! NOTHING COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT!! Now I need to work on patience. This experience was very humbling for me. I realized I really had nothing to complain about, we had food, shelter. We were never hungry, cold or homeless. HE has blessed me with everything I ever wanted(to be loved and have a family)so what on earth do I have to complain about?... Oh almost forgot the best thing that has ever happened HE BROUGHT ME TO HIM AND HE FORGAVE ME, HE LOVES ME, HE BAPTIZED ME, HE HAS HEALED ME... What else could be more important. LOVE ALWAYS (MT)

Thank you for the wonderful e-mail and yes I so agree about the x-mas stuff. It is not so much that I desire to do x-mas for I indeed feel sorry for the ones that so blindly go about seeking the false happiness this time of year. Fall has always been a family time for me in the past so it makes the missing even more prevalent. But it is also such a wonderful time of growing and drawing from the well of truth that brings about the living water that comes only from His well that I so thirst for. We are learning that to live on less you must first face the truth of the mistakes that you have made and see that the financial bind is of your own doing. And to also have to see that the "oil" of patience is what we are learning now. We are trying to sell our pickup and RV because we know that we stepped away from YAH's will in getting these but it is hard to "wait" while we trust them to sell. I have been meditating on question #52 in the book "The Questions of Jesus" and have listened to it at least ten times now and yet I cannot get away from it. I want to be the one that He stops and says "Who touched me?" and I will be the one to say in my heart that I have touched Him with my heart and whatever happens it is His will and that is okay with me. The thought of not being able to sell this stuff and have to each day look at our disobedience is not a pleasant thing but if that is His desire for now, then we will wait as He fills our lamps with His Oil. I wish I could say each day has been easy for it has not been so but it will be worth the journey. Thank you both for your tender hearts, (TX)

Hi Pam and Don, I just was thinking of what all I have to be thankful for and you and your ministry are at the top of my list. Thank you so called". I sincerely believe you are sage out. I got your CD of the 6006 "Second Exodus" and I know that timely. This morning I was warming inches of snow on the ground and that the flight not happen in win-have a feeling you two will. And have known you and heard you hear. Outside of those that are part of your ministry, I know of no one who really truly wants to hear. And I realize there's a good possibility I will not make it either. So I send my blessings and love to you and hope that you and your family have a wonderful thanksgiving. You have much to be thankful for. (NM)



much for all you do for so many of "the being used by Jehovah to get His mes- Feast of Tabernacles message message is becoming more and more myself as I looked outside at the 8 thought of the comment on praying ter. I don't think many will make it but I that makes me thankful even more to speak truth, the truth not many want to

THE LIES WE'VE BEEN TOLD

(Sing to the tune of *My Favorite Things*)

Gifts at the manger and little boys drumming.
Shepherds in winter and three wise men coming.
Churches and preachers these lies they have told,
Christmas is really 4000 years old.

Though it's December, the babe's in a manger.
We're told that the shepherds are still on the range there.
Ignore your good sense and true logic avoid,
Soon you'll be covered in candy and toys.

(Chorus)

Sell your birthright...eat your pottage...and pretty soon you'll find.
Confusion, deception, idolatry, too
Perhaps we should change our minds.

Cemosh and Moelch mixed with Saturnalia.
Phallic Trees decked with their god's genitalia.
Though it's disgusting we wink and we nod,
Whose idea was it to give these to God?

Yah's truth with fables we twist and we mingle.
We've traded our Savior for gods like Kris Kringle.
The truth is not hidden from those who will hear,
Yah's calendar's plain and His holy days clear.

Forget what men say. Read your Bible, and very soon you'll find,
Yah's holy days listed and Christmas not there;
How could we have been....SO BLIND?

by Don Harris

The “Christmas Tree”

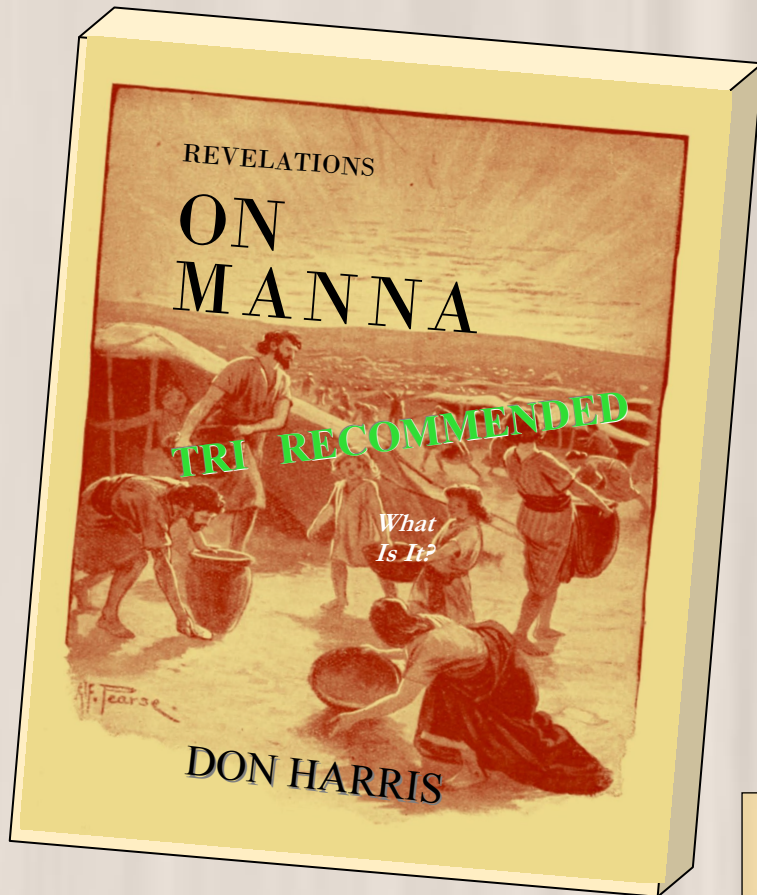


Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

(Jeremiah 10:2-4)

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On Manna by Don Harris

There are those who claim to have the undivided attention of the Almighty as they “speak to God” and, consequently, He speaks to them, clearly and distinctly. **THIS BOOK IS NOT FOR THEM!** This book is for the more honest and down-to-earth person who wants only to receive the daily guidance that was promised. If this describes you, if your honesty simply will not allow you to manufacture miraculous communications out of what you know are your own mental processes. Nor will you afford yourself the luxury of recreating your common dreams into heavenly visions. If you just want to know that you live and walk in the will of your God, so you can face whatever comes your way, **THIS BOOK IS FOR YOU!** 143 pages

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great care so that the new growth is not miscarried, it is our responsibility to care for and nurture “that Holy Thing” to birth and, finally, experience its maturity.

Why do the old things seem to remain and do not pass away instantaneously? Why do we still struggle with old ideas, habits, sins and desires and are even now afraid to admit this to ourselves? Why does the old flesh continue to give the same old problems?

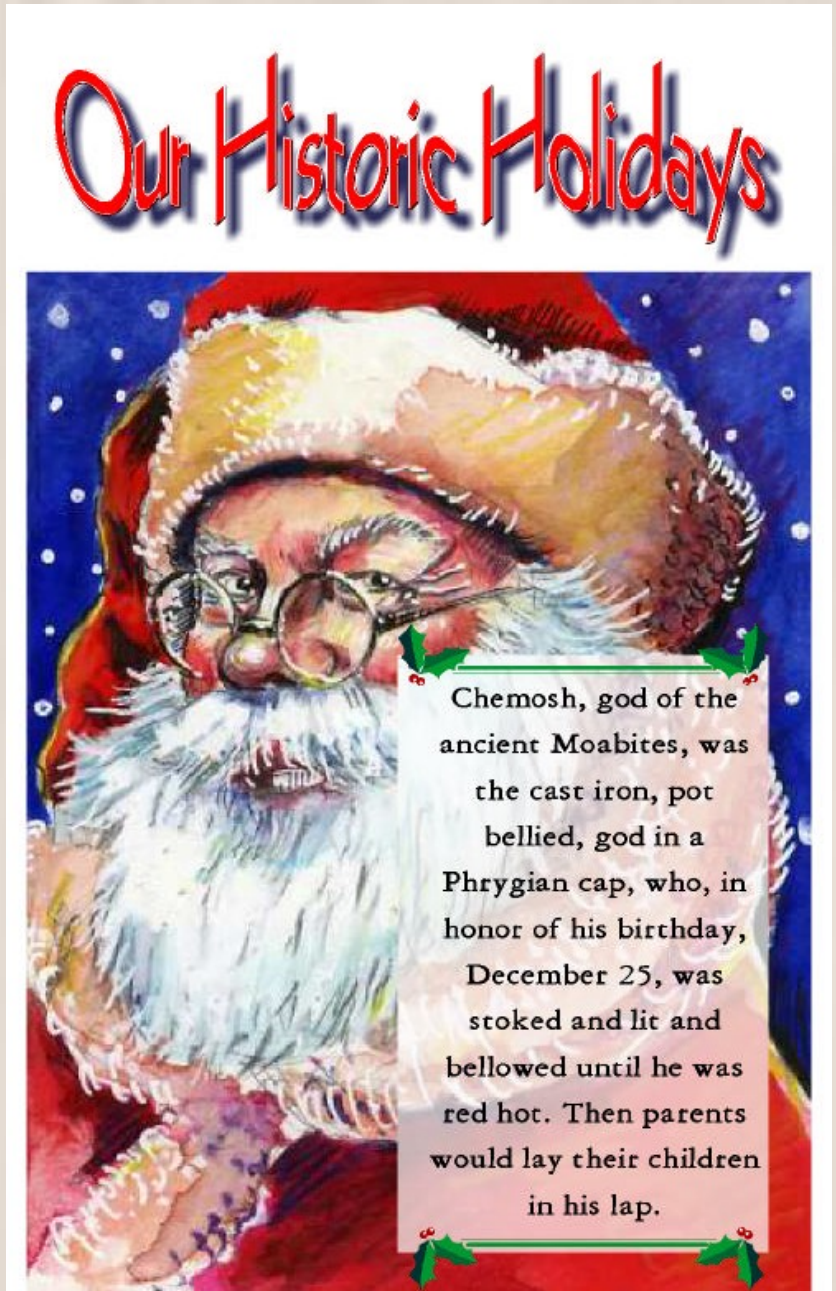
No doubt, a misunderstanding (or unawareness) of this progressive birth and growth process is the answer to these questions. When we understand these things we will not be so apt to condemn ourselves for missteps and failures. No one expects “old heads on young shoulders.” Our new life needs time to mature.

A NEW REASON FOR THE SEASON?

Perhaps, this year, when you hear “*Merry Christmas*” your mind will go to Mary and the Seed of Christ that has been planted within you! Maybe, hearing, “*Merry Christmas*” will even remind you of your need to nurture, care for and allow the Seed of Christ to grow within you. Have a Mary Christmas this year!

Some of us are just infants looking forward to maturity. Some of us are yet embryonic and unjustly judging ourselves as adults. Wherever we are, this is the season. Let’s get on with the growing!

Don C. N.
The Eraser



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"Happy Birthday, Jesus!"

When the children of Israel were going into the pagan lands, they were warned, "*Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following [the heathen] ... and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise [to my God].*"

Isn't this exactly what we have done? We have taken Christmas (recycled saturnalia, sun worship, Mithraism) celebrated it on December 25 (the birthday of the Sun god, Ra, Tammuz, Krishna, Horus, Buddha, Beddoui, Quetzalcoatl, Attis, Hercules) and insist, "That is not what it means **TO ME!**"



But YHWH said, "*Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods ... What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.*" Deuteronomy 12:28-32.

Can we Christianize Paganism? Job asked, "*Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?*" (14:4). The answer? That's easy. The **Pope** can! (Or, at least, some *think* he can!) Here it is straight from the Catholic Encyclopedia: "The Second Council of Tours proclaims... the sanctity of the "twelve days" [of] Christmas..."

What else is there to say? (By the way, Job answered his own question... look it up.)

Charles H. Spurgeon On Christmas

We have no superstitious regard for times and seasons. Certainly, **we do not believe in the present ecclesiastical arrangement called Christmas**: first, because we do not believe in the mass at all, but abhor it, whether it be said or sung in Latin or in English; and, secondly, because we find no Scriptural constraint whatever for observing any day as the birthday of the Saviour; and, consequently, its observance is a superstition, because not of divine authority. ...

It was not till the middle of the third century that any part of the church celebrated the nativity of our Lord, and it was not till very long after the Western church had set the example that the Eastern adopted it. Because the day is not known, therefore superstition has fixed it; while, since the death of our Saviour might be determined with much certainty, therefore superstition shifts the date of its observance every year.

Where is the method in the madness of the superstitious? Probably the fact is that the holy days were arranged to fit in with the heathen festivals. We venture to assert, that **if there be any day in the year, of which we may be pretty sure that it was not the day on which the Saviour was born, it is the twenty-fifth of December.**

*From a sermon delivered, 24th December, 1871
at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Newington, London*

"Don's Snappy Answers to Well-Wishers."

Well-Wisher: "*Merry Christmas!*"

Don: "*And to you...*" (I don't know why, but you never have to finish this sentence!)

Well-Wisher: "*Merry Christmas!*"

Don: "*Back atcha!*"

Well-Wisher: "*Merry Christmas!*"

Don: "*Enjoy your holiday!*"

Pam: "*Why can't you just say, Thank you?*"

Don: "*Why? I don't know, Pam... I just don't know.*"

"Take heed to thyself ... that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods...

What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it."

Deuteronomy 12:30-32