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“Merry Christmas

**to all of you who know the True Reason for the Season - -
Being the Honoring of God’s Messiah and His Return to Earth.“**

In Part 1 to Our Christmas Foundation We Saw...

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

In Part 2 to Our Christmas Foundation We See...

1 John 1:1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life - 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

And Now in Part 3 to Our Christmas Foundation we add Our Experience...

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

- (1) God was manifested in the flesh,
- (2) God was justified in the Spirit,
- (3) God was seen by angels,
- (4) God was preached among the Gentiles,
- (5) God was believed on in the world,
- (6) God was received up in glory.

Let’s Stand for Our Christmas Reading Today

The Gospel of Luke 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of

Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, **5** to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. **6** So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. **7** And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **8** Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. **10** Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. **11** For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: **14** “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!. **15** So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” **16** And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. **17** Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. **18** And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. **19** But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. **20** Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

That was then – and this is now !!!

Titus 2:13-14

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14** who gave Himself for us, (the genesis 3:15 promise) that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works. (living after righteousness)

1.) The Promise of His Return

2.) The Purpose of His Return

3.) The Proclamation of His Return

4.) The Environment of His Return

5.) The Essence of His Return

6.) The Effect of His Return.

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7.) The Awareness of His Return

7a.) Scripture Will Not be Denied.

The Ancient Hebrew Scriptures / The Doctrines of the Bible foretold of a time when God Himself would accomplish for mankind - what we could have never been able to do for ourselves.

Matthew 5:17-18

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. **18** For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

Isaiah 55:11

So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

And if we read our Bibles carefully – we learn;

That God has Promised to Come Again – To (1) Return for His Own, (2) Punish the earth for its sins, (3) To reestablish the Nation of Israel and His throne.

Hebrews 1:5-8

For to which of the angels did God ever say: (psalm 2:7)

“*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You*”? And again: “*I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son*”? **6** But when He again brings the Firstborn into the world, He says: “*Let all the angels of God worship Him.*” **7** And of the angels He says: “*Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire.*” **8** But to the Son, God says: (psalm 45:6) “*Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.*”

7b.) History Cannot Not Lie.

History is the record of what really happened. History, whether it be good, bad, or ugly – It’s the testimony from eyewitness accounts of what happened.

Because History is God’s Message to the World, He says...

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before (biblical history) were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

2 Peter 2:1

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly (by stealth) bring in (inject) destructive heresies, (instructions that are off course)

And History – Biblical History – Will always be Attacked and Downgraded.

2 Peter 3:3-5

Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” 5 For this they willfully forget:

Jude 1:18

how they told you that there would be **mockers** in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

7c.) Truth Will Come to Pass

Acts 1:6-11

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “*Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?*” **7** And He said to them, “*It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*” **9** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. **10** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, **11** who also said, “*Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.*”

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8.) The Awakening to His Return

If the Bible said he was going to come the first time to be born in Bethlehem - then what are the mathematical odds that He will come back again the second time - just as the Bible says?

8a.) His Return is Without Warning.

Make no mistake about it. He's coming again and the proof of it - is that He came the first time. And it was during that first time that He promised to return again.

John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

What will it be like when it happens? – we needn't guess about...

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. **15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Corinthians 15:50-52

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. **51** Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed - **52** 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.

For you to think or to believe otherwise, is to gamble

with your soul. It's one-dumb-thing to throw dice down on the table and lose a couple of bucks or maybe the mortgage to your house – but to throw down the dice that deals with your eternal soul, is the ultimate in forever loss. There's no returning from that Gamble.

Hebrews 9:28a

So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time...

**HIS RETURN
THE AWAKENING TO HIS RETURN**

8b.) His Return is To Be Expected.

Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. **25** And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the Day of his return is drawing near.

Luke 12:35-37,40

“Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; **36** and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master... **37** Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find them watching... **40** Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Revelation 22:7

“Behold, I am coming quickly!
Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

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8c.) His Return is Our Deliverance.

Luke 2:11 NIV

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah the Lord.

Savior	grk: so'ter deliverer, one who rescues out of, one who unties the knots or takes away the noose, to set free.
Messiah	grk: chris'tos the anointing/ed one, chosen one, the christ.
Lord	grk: kur'i'os the master, my master. the one who is to be followed

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9.) The Applause for His Return

9a.) We Applaud Him for His Goodness.

Luke 2:12-14

And this will be the sign to you: (1) You will find a Babe (2) wrapped in swaddling cloths, (3) lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: **14** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

sign **grk: se'mei'on (see-may-on)**
the miracle, the distinguishing mark, that which sets one apart from all others.

suddenly **grk: ex'aiph'nes; (ex-af-knees)**
the Greek word implies that there was an outburst, an exuberant expression of sight and sound, an explosion of praise and worship and expression!

Psalm 145:9

The LORD *is* good to all, and His tender mercies *are* over all His works.

Ezra 3:11

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD: "For *He is* good, For His mercy *endures* forever toward Israel." Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

John 6:29a

“This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

John 20:31

but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His (o’no’ma) name (authority).

HIS RETURN THE APPLAUSE FOR HIS RETURN

9b.) We Applaud Him for His Grace.

Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

9c.) We Applaud Him for His Gift.

A gift is a strange thing, or should I say that a gift has a strange effect on us.
The more we like the gift, the harder it is for us to freely accept the gift.

Explanation:

Very few of you (~~us~~) can receive a gift as it (is) was intended to be received.

My pride gets in the way =

“Now it’s pay-back, now I owe, now I am indebted to them. – until love takes over!”

My legalism stands up =

“I gotta go get them something bigger, brighter, better – with bells and whistles and cotton candy on it with whip cream on top!”

My reputation is on the line =

“Well, the next time we go out – I want you to know, it’s on me”

2 Corinthians 9:15

Thanks *be* to God for His indescribable **gift!**

John 3:15-21

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. **19**

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **20** For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. **21** But he who does the truth comes to the light,

HIS RETURN

10.) Is what He desires for you to unwrap this Christmas

Proverbs 30:4 = **John 3:13**

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name, If you know? - No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

End of Study

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