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Episode 28: What Does Christmas Mean to You?

Will the next generation of humanity continue to celebrate Christmas as Jesus the reason for the season?

Christmas not only reminds us of the birth of Jesus our Lord and savior, but it also reminds us of the finished works on the cross of calvary- Light and Love through the gift of righteousness entered the world through Jesus Christ. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." James 1:17

When Christians give gifts at Christmas time, it is supposed to be an act of love in gratitude to Christ for coming to earth to save humanity, and thankfulness for the gifts of Salvation, Righteousness, Holy Spirit that God gave us through Christ redemption act on the cross of calvary. Jesus came with a mission to give us the gift of life through His act of sacrificial service on earth. "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" .John 3.16

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,[f] because he will save his people from their sins." – Matthew 1:21

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you[c] a sign: The virgin[d] will conceive and give birth to a son, and[e] will call him Emmanuel." Isaiah 7:4

The Christmas tree - the Star on the top of the Christmas Tree is a remembrance of the night Jesus was born, the star was a sign to the wise men of the King being born in a manger, the savior of the world. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." Revelations 22.16

Celebrating Christmas to me "Angelina" is a birthday and thanksgiving celebration where we celebrate Christ's earth birth and life on earth, as well as thankful for his mission accomplished in saving humanity.

Jesus is the reason for the season, so how do we preserve the objectives of the Christmas season celebration, in a deteriorating loveless, dark world?

1. Teach your children about God, His values, and the way of a Christian life through adherence of the bible standards, as well highlighting the significance of praying and studying the bible. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22.6

2. Every Christmas remind them of the account of Jesus earth birth and the purpose of God coming to earth in Human form - Luke 2

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. [9] An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. [10] But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. [11] Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. [12] This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

[13] Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, [14] "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

[15] When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

[16] So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. [17] When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, [18] and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. [19] But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. [20] The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

3. Take your family to church on Christmas day, so that you can celebrate the birthday of Christ with fellow Christian citizens.

4. When you buy gifts for your loved ones, remind them it is a gift from you to them, in exhibiting God's love for humanity, as well as celebrating the gift of righteousness, salvation, Holy Spirit, that God has given us through Jesus Christ entry and accomplishments on earth. Don't let them believe the commercial lie that Santa Claus bought them the gift. Let them know that Jesus entered the earth realm to restore mankind's position of dominion, and Christmas time is celebrating what Jesus has done for humanity – and Christians do this through lighting up a tree, placing the Star on the top of the tree, and presenting gifts to one another, as an act of love and acknowledgement of Jesus being the savior of the world, just like the wisemen presented gifts to Jesus in the manger, we present gifts as a form of love. We don't worship the tree, nor the gifts, nor the ornaments on the tree, neither is the Christmas tree, lights or gift giving a spiritual, or religious ritual, it is a merely a form of celebrating Christ's birth through light, colourfulness, and gift giving exhibiting joy and love to the world through Jesus birth.

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