

December 24, 2017 - Christmas Eve

## Jesus Brings Life And Light To Mankind

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This is a special day and the teaching will be in regards to the season that we are celebrating, the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

"We make the confession that we are what the bible says we are and we have what the bible says we have and we can do what the bible says we can do, we can do all things through Christ because He strengthens us and He enables us to do what ever is necessary and all of our needs are met, through Jesus Christ and we are blessed today because of Jesus."

The birth of Jesus was such a significant time in history that even time was divided from BC to AD and the world recognizes that. And yet at the same time it is hard to comprehend what really happened, it is challenging because Jesus has no beginning and no end, He has always been. He was with the Father from the beginning of time, He was with the Father when He put the bounds on the ocean, He was in the creation, the bible says that He was prepared as a body to come into the world. When the Father looked at the world and saw all the darkness that was in the world and people needing to be redeemed, He sent His Son Jesus into the world and the bible says that Jesus was obedient to the will of the Father. Jesus has come into the world by what is known as the virgin birth, He came that we might have life and that more abundantly.

John 10:10 "The thief cometh 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." KJV

He did not come to judge the world or condemn us, but to give us life. God paid an extravagant price by sending His Son. Jesus loved us by bringing us into harmony with the Father by the way of the new birth, when we are forgiven, our sins are forgiven, they are blotted out and there is no remembrance with Jesus or the Father.

We are new creatures in Jesus.

John 1:1-5,9 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.* 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." KJV

Jesus was not only life, but He was light to mankind. The light shined in the darkness and the darkness couldn't stop it. Darkness couldn't put the light out, light dispells the darkness. Jesus came that we would not only have the very nature and life of God, the "zoe" kind of life in us, but eternal life would be imparted to us. The challenge comes of learning to walk in the light of God in us, life seems so far away to us, how can we be a partaker of that kind of life? that life was the Light to all men.

John 1:9 "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." KJV

When we are born again, we not only have the life of God, but we also have the light of God, the light stands for the development of man. The light that is on the inside of each believer is the Holy Spirit and His desire is for each of us that Jesus be revealed. He is no longer the babe in the manger, but He is grown up, giving Himself to each of us by way of the cross, by His death, burial, resurrection and ascentation to heaven, He is now seated at the right hand of the Father, all things being put under His feet.

Eph 2:1-6 "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:" KJV

We have been raised up together with Him and seated with Him in heavenly places, all things put under our feet. For us to comprehend that Jesus is really for us, and that He hasn't come to judge us, goes against what religion teaches.

John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." KJV

God loved, so He gave, with the God kind of love on the inside of us, there is something there that wants to give or to help other people. Jesus came to impart eternal life to us, that we would take on His nature, He did not come to condemn.

Matt 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a peck measure, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven." AMP

Matt 5:14-16 "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." KJV

Jesus is speaking, delivering the sermon on the mount to the people, explaining to them about being the light of the world. That light is not to be hidden, but put out in view of everyone so that it can be seen. We are to be light, letting our light shine so that others will see it and will bring glory to the Father in heaven. Part of letting our light shine is taking on the character and image of Jesus. In learning to let our light shine it is a continual process and can be challenging. The choice is ours if we are going to keep our light shining, we must learn that walking in love and walking in forgiveness is part of that process.

1 John 2:8-10 "Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. 9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him." KJV

We have come out of darkness and have been translated into another kingdom and are now in light. John is telling the people that one of the greatest gifts that we could give to one another is to learn to walk in love and forgiveness. Most of the people who attend church are born again believers, but there can sometimes be problems among the people, we must swallow pride and make the choice to walk in love and forgive our brothers and sisters in the Lord unconditionally. The enemy will do everything he can to put out our light, he is the one trying to cause the problems that we encounter, but we have been given the power to overcome those challenging times. If we can keep the love of God working in us, we will make spiritual progress in Jesus. When we get over into the area of having ought against others we will

stumble spiritually and if we don't take care of it, we will fall, we won't stumble if we have love.

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised," KJV

Matt 4:16 "The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." KJV

Jesus was speaking about what He had been anointed to do regarding the people that He came into contact with. He saw people sitting in darkness but that He had come to put out that darkness and set at liberty all who were broken and bruised. Jesus is the hope that has come to all the world everywhere. He is tugging at our hearts today to come unto Him in order to receive that life and light that He provides.