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The Reason of the Season



Scripture

Luke 2:10 -11 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. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Observation:

1. **Messianic in Old Testament** - The messianic in OT is described as one coming to offer salvation to all nations.- **Zechariah 9:9** - “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.
2. **Mighty men whom God used as instruments of deliverance for His people were also in the OT called by the term “Savior”.** **Judges 3:9** When the children of Israel cried out to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother.
3. **In the New Testament - Christ is born as a King and Saviour.** This baby was not born to become a king and a saviour - He was born both. The word “savior” is to say that God is the deliverer of his people.

In the New Testament, the term “**Savior**” is never applied to a mere man, but only to God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. God is described as “Savior” in the New Testament because He authored the salvation that Jesus brought to men. **Luke 1:47** And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

4. **No man could save himself** - Only God was Savior. **Psalms 44: 3** For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favored them.

No man could save himself - Only God was and still our Savior - and this is the reason of the season. Jesus is described by John as “Saviour of the World” in the encounter with the samaritan woman - “I am the living water”.



Jesus Himself interpreted His mission as one of salvation, saying “ - ” ***For the Son of man came to seek and save the lost” - Luke 19:10***

Question: Are you considered to be lost and needs help?

Humankind is lost through "**Religion arguments**" by trying other means to find and to know God by replacing Christ's identity with human carnal lust and redirecting our faith to the human mind set up. We are tied up between "season" and "reason" of the coming of the Messiah.

The word “**Religion**” brings to the listeners:

• Deviation	• Disagreement	• Irreconcilability
• Divergence	• Discordance	• Conflict
• Disparity	• Disaccord	• Opposition.

RELIGION ARGUMENTS: Here, Paul brings reproach on religion discrepancy.

- 1) **Religion will attract many people - 2 Peter 2: 2** *And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.*
- 2) **Religion will deceive many people - Matthew 24:5** *And For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many*
- 3) **Not to be tolerated e - 2 John 10** *If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him*
- 4) **Pervert the gospel of Christ - Colossians 1: 6-7** *which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf*
- 5) **Religion should be avoided - Romans 16: 17-18** *Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offences, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.*

- 6) **Religion will abound in latter days - 1 Timothy 4: 1-5** *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared (fried quickly) with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.*
- 7) **Such Religion will be exposed - 2 Timothy 3: 9** *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;*

REASON OF THE ARGUMENT:

Everyone want to hear God's voice - as we were born with the desire to hear God or to live in relationship with Him (**e.g. call ID**) - and that is the reason of the season - God brought Jesus for us so He can live within us.

Christ came to restore our relationship with God so we can hear Him again as it was during the days of Adam and Eve.

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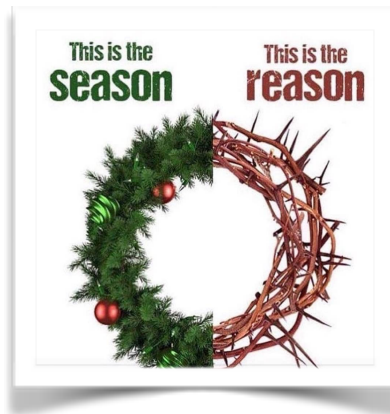
1. Relationship with God is our **highest priority**
2. Relationship with God is our **highest pursuit**
3. Relationship with God is our **highest passion**

RELATIONSHIP IN CHRIST JESUS:

1. **Leads to holiness - Titus 2:12** - *teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age*
2. **Abides Believers - Acts 2:42** - *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*
3. **Leads to Obedience from the heart - Rom. 6:17** - *But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.*
4. **Holds in sincerity - Titus 2:7** - *in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,*
5. **Leads to surer knowledge - John 7:17** - *If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.*

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD

1. Leads to **DEATH**
2. Abides in **HUMAN DOCTRINES**
3. Leads to Obedience
HUMAN PHILOSOPHY-
4. Leads to the knowledge
OF THE HEAD



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