

Christmas Is Coming: How Do I Act?

I Must Know Jesus, Not Just Know About Him

I have watched for 40 years some serve God for a **season**.

* When you talk to them, many say things like this:

I gave **a lot** – I was waiting for God to do something **really big** – and He never did; so I **left** the Church.

Church family: It's Christmas season

- Father God did something **really big**
- He **impregnated** a virgin
- Jesus was born of a **woman**
- Jesus lived as a man **without** sin
- God lived as a man so He could **reach** us and have an **intimate** relationship with us.
- Jesus Christ – He **died** on the cross for your sin.

** Some through the years keep saying, I just want God to **prove** Himself some way!

What I have realized:

1. If people have a **rebellious** heart, it doesn't matter what God does, they still **reject** what He already has done.
2. God, the Lord Jesus, desires for us to accept Him out of a **free** heart with a **free** choice.

3. Jesus Christ wanted a Bride that will **choose** Him and **choose** to love Him.

* The sad fact that all of us **chose** not to love Him.

Isaiah 53:6

Isaiah 53:7-11

Romans 3:10-11

Psalms 14:1-3

4. This is why every one of us must **personally** accept and confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
 - Your **parents** cannot do it for you.
 - You can't be baptized as a **baby** and go to Heaven.
5. You must make a **choice** and you must choose God and **know** Him.
 - * Many people grow up in **Church**, but never choose **God**.

Let me say it this way: If you are still **in charge** of your life, you are not on your way to Heaven.

6. Jesus, the Son of God, came to this earth to die for your **sin**.

Question: What do you give God who has everything?

Father God, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, had **perfect** fellowship.

- If you ever wanted to know what God wanted, look what He **created**!!

- He created man in a **perfect** environment with no **sin** and the man still wasn't **happy**.

Adam is running around the garden and comes to God and says, I'm not **happy**.

I have a **longing** in my heart!

Adam wanted a **bride**.

Think about it:

7. God creates someone in His **image**, and the one He creates in His image wants a **bride**.

Question: What does God want?

Answer: God wants a **bride** so He creates you for **relationship**.

But, because of **sin**, we can't have a relationship with Him. Relationship cannot happen until something is done that deals with **sin**.

Here it is: God the Father, creates a Bride for his Son, and the Bride says, I don't want to have anything to do with you – Adam's **choice**

Saying: "I don't want to **know** you."

So the Son says, I know what to do!

- I can become **flesh**
- I can live a **sinless** life, then I can **pay** for their sin.
- So the Son leaves Heaven and is born of a virgin.
- Jesus **never** sins
- Jesus dies the most **horrifying** death on the cross.
- Why – to **pay** for our sins – to purchase our **redemption**.

The hallmark ending is this:

- We **confess** Jesus as Lord and Savior
- We become His **bride**
- All our sin is **forgiven** and we have perfect relationship for **eternity**.

The reason people do not accept Christ is we have to **yield** our rights.

8. Church, we must give **everything** to Him; we cannot do this but still want to be God.

Church – if we give up **control** and give it **all** up, everything is on the **other** side.

- All the **life**
- All the **joy**
- All the **happiness**
- All the **family**
- All the **friends**

All on the **other** side of giving up **control** to the Lord.

He died for you to **enhance** your life by giving you **eternal** life.

Don't just believe in your **mind**, give Him your **heart**.