

Scrooge, Santa and the Savior



Scrooge came by Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

Santa came by folklore from the North Pole.

The SAVIOR came by GOD through a UNIQUE BIRTH!

HOW? Before UNBELIEVING AHAZ God points out His Son: "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name IMMANUEL [God with us]" (Isaiah 7:14). "For unto us a CHILD IS BORN, unto us a SON IS GIVEN: and the government shall be upon HIS SHOULDER: and HIS NAME shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). JOSEPH BELIEVED: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name IMMANUEL, which being interpreted is, GOD WITH US" (Matthew 1:23). YOU CAN BELIEVE: "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" (John 3:16).

WHO ME? YES YOU! "Verily (positively), I (the Lord Jesus) say unto YOU, He that HEARETH MY WORD, and BELIEVETH on Him that sent Me, hath EVERLASTING LIFE, and shall NOT come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto LIFE" (John 5:24). "For Christ also hath ONCE suffered for sins, the JUST for the UNJUST, that HE might BRING US TO GOD" (1 Peter 3:18). "Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, I AM the LIGHT of the world: he that FOLLOWETH ME shall NOT walk in darkness, but shall have the LIGHT of LIFE" (John 8:12). "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And I GIVE unto them ETERNAL LIFE; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand" (John 10:27-28). "Then said Jesus to those Jews which BELIEVED ON HIM, if ye continue in MY WORD, then are ye MY disciples indeed; And ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

GIFTS which you may or may not give and receive cannot be compared with GOD'S LIFE, LIGHT and TRUTH, all of which are to be found in GOD'S best and greatest GIFT, His UNIQUE SON.

GREETINGS which you may give and receive cannot be compared to God's Word: "Peace I leave with you, MY PEACE I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

GLADNESS you can have if you will rest and rely upon HIS SURE WORD and HIS SAVING WORK on the cross, to bring you into a RIGHT RELATIONSHIP with the living God; that Christ may dwell in your heart upon your RECEIVING HIM as your personal SAVIOR and LORD. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (John 1:12). Trusting in such a great Savior we can sing:

"JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!" "COME LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD!" You are invited to COME and WORSHIP HIM with us.

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