

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS
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A Babe Left in a Manger is Not Offensive to Many

“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” (Isa. 9:6).

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21).

Here we find ourselves, once again, being brought to the season that the Christian religionists celebrate as Christmas. I am NOT a Christmas celebrator due to its Catholic roots and non-Biblical admonition against making it an annual celebration. If I recall correctly, what Christ instructed his people to REMEMBER was his BODY and his BLOOD till he come again. Christ also reminded his followers to REMEMBER Lot’s wife as an admonition of devotion and obedience to Christ and his Kingdom priorities.

I have seen, time after time, the conflict with government agencies regarding “nativity scenes” not being allowed. So, folks just can’t stand the thought that a nativity scene cannot be displayed in their communities. When one truly focuses upon the babe in a manger scene, it reflects a sentimental emotion of the dearness of a newborn’s helplessness and innocence (for Christ was the ONLY innocent born human creature).

As long as the mindset of the majority think of this one named JESUS as a newborn helpless little baby, he is usually endorsed by most. But, if this same JESUS is taken as he grew in wisdom and stature in time and was manifested full of grace and truth, and put him in the public sector, preaching, “The Kingdom of God is at hand,” and that HE IS the Messiah who was prophesized to come, He becomes an OFFENSIVE deity which the non-elect population cannot stand nor desire to hear.

Yes, beloved of God, leave our Lord in a manger and all will love him, but take him and nail him to an old rugged cross, displaying his BODY and his BLOOD as the sacrifice for unworthy sinners, and most of mankind rejects this God/Man saviour of sinners.

No! No! We WILL NOT have this man rule over us, cries the world! Yet, there is a remnant according to the election of grace, that has been ordained, appointed, chosen, called, elected and predestined to HEAR the message that this preaching God/Man proclaimed. It is good news to hear the words Jesus spoke saying, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the LIFE, and no man cometh unto the Father, but by ME." "He that believeth on me shall NEVER perish, but have everlasting life."

There is the divine promise that, "They that be of God heareth Gods' word, they that are not of God heareth NOT God's word." We are reminded by the Psalmist that "The hearing ear and the seeing eye, they both are of the Lord." Thanks be unto God that he opens the spiritual blind eyes of the natural born depraved sinner, and opens their ears to hear the voice of the Son of God as he calls his sheep to his fold.

Yes, dear ones, leave that sweet little nativity scene on public display and most are not offended, but preach that this same babe in a manger demanded that HE MUST BE BELIEVED UPON AS THE ONLY SAVIOUR OF SINNERS, and you have an OFFENSIVE message to the masses.

Praise be unto God our Father that he CAUSED Him who is The LIFE, to be raised from that lowly grave to prove that he alone has the power over death and hell and became the justifier of the unjust. Christ was BORN ONCE; yet, we MUST be born TWICE to see and enter God's glorious kingdom. Once-born sinners have no hope, but twice-born heirs of grace are blessed with the hope of sins forgiven, and eternal heaven as our final place of joy and peace. For Christ has promised those CAUSED to believe, "I have PREPARED (predestined) a place for you, for in my Father's house are many mansions."

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