

23rd – Bible Seeds Podcast

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- Intro Music - "My Father Is So Good To Me"

Intro narrative by Carl Vasta

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God's Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what's happening to us in our daily lives.

I'll touch on such topic as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I'll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is **Why We Should Celebrate Christmas**

In the Jimmy Stewart movie

"It's A Wonderful Life", we are told,

"Every time you hear a bell ring,

an angel gets his wings".

***Christmas is the bell
God uses to remind us
a savior was born,
and by our faith in Jesus,
we have been redeemed
to live forever.***

Jesus was born 2000 years ago and yet we continue to celebrate his birthday every year with a world-wide celebration known as Christmas. There were over 300 scriptures from the Old Testament that foretold of his coming even as far back as the Book Of Genesis.

Adam and Eve were born sinless and were suppose to live forever, but they brought the curse of death upon themselves and all generations by believing Satan and not believing God.

This curse of death was not taken away by the sacrifice of animals on the altar or good deeds. The only thing that had the promise of restoring the relationship between man and God was faith... like the faith of Abraham or Moses.

God has revealed from the scriptures that:

He has a Son, the Messiah, who is Jesus.

Another part of God is the Holy Spirit.

All three persons,

Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit ... is God!

If this is starting to sound like science fiction, keep one thing in mind. God created the universe and everything in it. It's his game board and we are his pieces even though God has given us free will!

We are like the ant searching for food. It crawls across a computer keyboard and has no idea what it is, how it's used, and who is using it. In the same way we have no idea of God's plans or how he makes them work!

What we know about God is what He has revealed to us through scripture.

Much has been revealed in the scriptures about the Messiah: They say, God will send his son Jesus to live on the earth as a man and announce the coming of a New Kingdom, where the curse of death does not exist.

Jesus will reign there as King forever. But before the curse of death can be wiped out, Jesus, the sinless man, will be tempted by Satan and be found worthy to be called 'Son Of God'. Since it is sin that causes death, only Jesus, who is without sin, would have to suffer and be put to death by a world that was deep in sin.

Let me add here that

GOD DOES NOT DO WHAT HE HATES

and he did not kill his only son! It was the free will of Jesus to do this. Jesus knew what was going to happen to him and told his disciples many times.

He could have avoided it, but being the second part of the Trinity - (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) that is God, he knew the only way to wipe out death was to take the sin of the world upon himself and die. When he did this, he was victorious over death and was raised back to life.

Now, anyone who believes that the Father sent Jesus to take our sins, has been put right with God, just like it was before Satan deceived Adam and Eve.

That is why Jesus told his followers when he raised Lazarus from death:

(read Paraphrased Quotes - The Meaning Of Easter)

"I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me

will live even though he dies;

and everyone who lives and

believes in me will never die."

(Found in the Book Of John, Chapter 11, Verses 25-26)

If we believe that the Father sent Jesus to take our sins, even if we die in this world and go to him, we can be certain that we will return with him when he comes to set up his Kingdom here on earth.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given His Son Jesus, (the good shepherd), to bring you back to him

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with The Storyline Of The Bible, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are The Stories And Quotes From Jesus, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these Bible Seeds: my commentary on some of these readings.

You can find all of this and print out the PDFs for Storyline Of The Bible and Quotes and Stories from Jesus. You can download the MP3s, Videos, and my original music from my website: www.carlvasta.com Everything is free and there are no sign ups. Enjoy!

Ending The Program

This is your host Carl Vasta and I thank you for tuning in to Bible Seeds at Understanding God's Word.

A new podcast is released Sundays at 12:30PM Pacific Coast Time. God bless you and your loved ones and remember (Song)