

## A Christmas Message

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not”, John 1:1-5.

There are three points I would like to share with you in this message.

1. The call of Christmas.
2. The celebration of Christmas.
3. The commission of Christmas.

### The call of Christmas.

Many people to day, as in the days of the birth of Jesus, are expectantly looking for something to happen in the world.

Two calls are given at this time,

4. Come and worship as the shepherds did when the angels told them of the birth of the Lord.

The Jews, through the Old Testament writings, were aware of God’ s appointed birth town for His Son, yet not one person of the Chosen Nation’ s leadership or teachers was there to greet th Promised Redeemer.

2. The Lord during His Ministry time, called the people of His Day, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”, Matthew 11:28.

The Lord is not talking about how you toil in the home, workplace, or fields, but that He wants you to have peace in your life as you deal with the problem. Tranquillity as you overcome.

Strength to stand against your problems as Satan attempts to bring them back into your life.

The Lord, in the last book of our bibles gave a prophetic word, not about Himself, but about the times of the world before He

returns, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me", Revelation 3:20.

Jesus is putting a call out to those who will turn to Him. By turning to the Lord, His first offer to you is salvation. His second offer is to spend the festive season celebrating His Birth with you. His third offer to you is to work with you, and ease the load of your burdens.

The celebration of Christmas.

The Christmas we celebrate at this time is literally the celebration of our Lord's Birth.

The celebration of all celebrations will take place when the Lord comes for His Bride - the Church.

To the men, I say, "The ladies have one up on us, they have experienced the joy of being dressed in their finery"

To the ladies, I say, "The next wedding you attend, your gown of righteousness will excel the finery you wore for an earthly wedding".

You will meet the Lord's Father. The angels will be hovering around to see what they can do for you.

Paul, writing to the Ephesian Church, was led by the Spirit to proclaim the following words, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish", Ephesians 5:25-27.

Thus Jesus died, that he might open the door for us to be cleansed from our sins. That we might have someone who, as we go through life, would pick us up. Dust us down. And then say have another go, and this time I will come with you.

Let us just consider the immensity of our Lord's Love for His future bride.

Jesus said to His Disciples, “In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also”, John 14:2-3.

The commission of Christmas.

To proclaim to all who will listen that we are celebrating the Birth of our Eternal Saviour.

The angels commanded the shepherds, “And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds”, Luke 2:15-18.

Jesus commanded His Bride, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world”, Matthew 28:19-20.

Ezekiel, a member of the Babylonian captivity was instructed by God, “Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast

delivered thy soul” , Ezekiel 3:17-19.

The Bride is the major part of God’ s Army on this planet. ARE YOU  
STILL COMMISSIONED?