

dec 12

i am amazed once again at this beautiful time of the year. a time of peace and joy and sharing. while many share material things, some share themselves and the love of our Savior.

i think most of us know that Jesus wasn't really born in december. there is no way of knowing and it was more than likely to replace a pagan ceremony at the time it was set. that doesn't diminish the effect the spirit of the holiday brings with it. to those of us who know the true significance of this date, it brings a deeper and more significant spirit.

there are many wonderful christmas shows on this time of the year. some secular but still enjoyable. others with a deeper context. i was watching a christmas special last night on youtube about "the chosen". dallas jenkins, who birthed this amazing drama, told much of it's history. there were many good artists who performed, and about one hour and eighteen minutes into the presentation, he presented the short video which started it all, "the shepherd". for those who wish to watch it, you may view it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5ftnTK9-3w>

"the chosen" is an amazing drama that presents Jesus as the jew He was really born. "but when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." gal 4:4-5

there is no getting around His humble beginnings and the impact His brief life had on the world. He came as the sacrificial lamb of God. while He lay dead in the grave, there were only a few who mourned His death and they remained afraid and hidden.

they did not stay afraid and hidden. neither do we today. God demonstrated that because He lives, we live also. we cannot here begin to expound the glory due our Lord. "and there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, i suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." john 21:25

suffice it to say that God loves us all. we are all His unique, special creation in His own image. He desires that fellowship be restored which was interrupted by sin. He gave us this glorious gift. He gave His best. can we now offer less back to Him. yes God. i give you my best. "search me, o God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." psa 139:23-24

"therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him." 2 cor 5:9 just as our Lord sought to please the Father, we also strive to do the same. in our imperfect vessel and in our imperfect way, we submit to Him. do your work in us, recreating in us that image of You which our flesh has corrupted and marred. "the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God." rom 8:19

"as for me, i will see Your face in righteousness; i shall be satisfied when i awake in Your likeness." psalms 17:15 as You made me in the beginning, remake me now in Your image. i pray we all may be willing vessels in the hands of the master. to our great and mighty God, the creator of all that is and will ever be ... be all the glory and praise and honor.

in closing, please remember those who were devastated by the tornado which swept america recently, leaving untold damage in property and lives. "rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." romans 12:15 remember them in prayer and support as you are able. God bless us everyone.

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