



SPIRIT BREEZE

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A SAVIOR IS BORN! HE IS CHRIST THE LORD

“Who needs a Savior? From what do I need to be saved? I am in control of my life! I can take care of myself. I may have times when I’m not on top of it, but that’s just life. Things eventually work out so I don’t sweat it. Life happens! Enjoy it while you have it! Get it while you can! Eat, drink and be happy. Tomorrow we die, so what’s the big deal?”

That, in a nutshell is the “theology” of the secular humanist and the “progressive” atheist, both of whom see no need to look to a “god” or “higher power” for help, because we humans are quite capable of taking care of ourselves.

The Bible story of God’s work in human history gives quite another picture of our “capable” human condition. It is obvious that, left on our own, we humans have the unequalled ability to take life as it was intended to be lived and mess it up royally.

Rulers and elected officials—from the time of Pharaoh in Egypt to present day national and world leaders, are infected with the incurable disease of an insatiable thirst for more power, control and recognition as the elitists they are convinced they are.

Intelligentsia that occupy the hallowed halls of academia’s campuses, use words, words, words to foment change or challenge moral and ethical norms that have stood the test of time and have served humanity well—such as marriage of man and woman.

Roving gangs of young ethnic rebels—of all colors, roam the city streets, looking for someone to bully, knock down or put an end to their life, and all for the sake of showing how really macho they are.

Hordes of “entitlement” individuals who are convinced that everyone else owes them something because they have had some bad experiences in their early life and didn’t have opportunity for success like everyone else—always the victims.

And then, there are those who, because of their liberal attitudes toward the use of our human sexual-

ity, find themselves pregnant. For many, this could prove to be a major problem as it will interfere with their plans for their future. It is seen as a major inconvenience that must be terminated. They choose abortion in order to be freed up to continue to “enjoy” the kind of lifestyle to which they have become accustomed. Any such future inconveniences can be handled in the same way. There is always someone available to provide “wise counsel,” such as Planned Parenthood.

And everyone else who has the misguided conception that we have it all together except for those rare occasions when we, ourselves, may see a need to be in control, or use our word power to convince others that we are right and they are wrong, or crucify another because of their religious beliefs, or feel that we are entitled to something for which we have not made any effort to secure on our own.

Then, there are those “good people” who seem to have it all together and do it all right and who never do anything to hurt another, but seem always to help anyone, anytime, anywhere. What about them?

Well, from God’s perspective, as seen in Scripture, there are no good people. Jesus would not even allow himself to be labeled as “good.” *“No one is good, except God alone.”* Mark 10:18

God’s Word declares, *“All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”* Romans 3:23 The “all” means “all.”

Who needs a Savior? **All!** You do! I do! Everyone does!

Of course, the secular humanists, atheists and pagans do not believe this because they do not believe that the Bible is anything more than a collection of fiction stories. Witness what recently happened in a major chain store, COSTCO, that placed the Bible, along with other fiction story books, in its book section and labeled it as such. An apology from the store does not remove the humanist mindset regarding God’s Word.

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Amazingly—and interestingly enough, Jesus was born right into the middle of “such a time as this.” Human nature has not changed all that much in the last two thousand years. Countless lives have been changed for the better, but human nature, itself, retains its bent toward sinning and rebelling against all that is right, good, true and holy.

The apostle John gave testimony that *“Though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to his own and his own did not receive him. But to all who received him, who believed on his name, he gave the right to become children of God, born not of natural descent or human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”* John 1:10-13

The world may not recognize him or acknowledge him as more than an historical figure—and some even question that, but that doesn’t change the truth of what God has done.

One powerful declaration that was made by God in the Birth story of Jesus, is that God’s grace and mercy, as well as God’s eternal plan for humanity, is not thwarted by our human frailties, arrogance or denial.

God’s love for his creation is so great and so eternal that it cannot be diluted or perverted by either human ignorance or Satan’s ploy.

God’s Word reminds us that *“He makes the sun to shine on the evil and good and he sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”* Matthew 5:45 God is not selective when it comes to pouring out his blessings on his creation. We all get them. Some choose to receive them. Others choose to ignore them. Still others choose to curse them. Regardless, God’s grace and mercy are as sure as the sun and rain—take it or leave it.

When Jesus was born, those in power—like King Herod, made effort to kill him while he was still an infant. In that effort, Herod brought untold grief upon the parents and families of all the estimated forty six babies that he did kill in an effort to get at Jesus.

There are those who still try to blot Jesus out of our human existence and life experiences by denying the need for him.

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The Birth of Jesus is far more than a birth

story. It has to do with the launching of God’s plan for the redemption of humanity from the bondage of sin and death. It has to do with people coming into a reconciled relationship with the One who gave us life in the first place. It has to do with our willingness to turn away from our sinful lifestyles and, by the power and help of God’s Holy Spirit, learn to live the kind of lives that will inhabit God’s eternal Kingdom.

The Birth of Jesus is God’s Lifeline, thrown to a world that is drowning in its own moral and ethical filth. It is God’s way of showing us how he would have us live life to the fullest, gaining the most from it and experiencing that ultimate eternal quality, demonstrated in the life of Jesus.

Who needs a Savior? Any human who lives and breathes in this world’s atmosphere, because God wants not only to save us “from” something [sin and death] but also “to” something, [life], real life—abundant and eternal.

The premise of the secular humanist, atheists and pagans is flawed. “Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die.” Not so! Tomorrow our bodies may cease to exist, but die? No, God’s Word makes it very clear that “tomorrow” we stand before him, either to remain with him and enjoy God’s presence forever, OR, forever live in the hell of being away from him. For those who do not acknowledge that he has any part in their lives, they are already getting a taste of what that eternal hell is like.

How important it is for us, then, who have come to know the One born to be our Savior, to make known to others—through our lives, and sometimes even with our words, the desire of God’s heart that they also share eternity with him.

May this be an especially blessed time for each of you as you experience, once again, the mystery and the miracle of God’s awesome plan to show us the depth and quality of his love in Jesus, who came to save all people from sin.



“And the angel said to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid. Today in David’s town a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you, you will find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger because there was no room for him in the inn.”

Suddenly there was with the angel a great company of heavenly hosts, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

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“He gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up....attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians.4:11

MINISTRY CALENDAR

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OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES

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DECEMBER 15

The Silverdale UMC children’s Sunday School will minister to the church family what they have been learning in class about God’s Supernatural Power

DECEMBER 15 and 18

Larry will share the Christmas Story with the Silverdale Church family and also with the Good News Club at the View Ridge Elementary School in Bremerton, WA

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES’ MID-YEAR MEETING—January 25



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