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**IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS – AND JESUS IS ALL ABOUT THE HEART**

Contrary to the popular view of recent years, life is not all about the economy. It never has been.

Life is always about the heart – about love, for God first, and then once that relationship is settled, for human beings. Caring love, real love, not momentary romantic flash-in-the-pan Hollywood love. Real love, deep, abiding, that cares for the other person, hopes the best for that person, does what it can to help as appropriate. Unending.

It's the type of love embodied in the greatest gift ever, Jesus Christ, who came to earth so that the greatest of God's creations – people - might live with him and not be lost.

Jesus took care of everything that separated people from God. Today the only thing that stands in the way of people having eternal life with Jesus and his father is the people themselves – either their lack of knowledge of who Jesus is and what he did, or their stubborn refusal to ask him to be Lord of their lives.

What do you love – really love? So much of life today is invested in trivial things, sometimes necessary perhaps but still trivial – working in the yard, cleaning the house, watching sports, even frantically working for pay itself unless you are one of the few who can keep work in its proper perspective of being an activity through which you are provided funds. Yes, you should always do your best in a job, but never make it bigger than it is. Were you made by God primarily to spend most of your waking energy entering figures into a computer? Or selling products? Or whatever you do in your daily job?

So where is your heart? The world is full of lost and desperate people. Sad though it is, many do not know what they do not know. Even worse, many believe they do, yet they do not.

In these unsettling and confusing days, lost people and societies are struggling desperately for meaning. They for the most part are not finding it. Masses of people, whole countries – whether undeveloped or highly sophisticated, are struggling. That is the world today – war, terror, confusing and false ideologies, naïve academicians and government leaders, corrupt and frightened politicians, and selfish individuals focusing only on themselves.

Yes, some people have peace, some have found their heart. These are those who are not troubled by all the “noise” and confusion of life. They are those who truly know Jesus.

In these last days Jesus clearly is taking steps to reach the large groups of lost people who really have not ever heard the truth. Huge crusades have been held in Africa, India, and elsewhere. As for those modern western nations and large blocks of people who have had the opportunity over and over to hear and know, some individuals will surely still suddenly recognize the truth and accept Jesus. They will come into his CHURCH, the new society of which Jesus is the head (not the denominations and buildings on the corners, but the collection of his true believers wherever they are). But will there be a massive new move by Jesus in these nations that have already had such blessings and investments by God in the past? I do not know. Maybe they have had their chance. Let's hope not. Let's hope for mercy.

In any event, this now is your time to ensure you know Jesus. The key word is believe. Truly believe - you really have to know him, no doubts. If you have any questions of where you stand, reaffirm your faith. In your own words, ask him to be your Lord. Ask him to live in you and guide you always.

This month many are celebrating the birth of Jesus. He of course is no longer in the manger. He is not a baby nor is he actually walking the earth as a man. He has long since taken care of all that separated people from God and has gone to be with his father. He is the King of the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Light. All things are under his feet. Enjoy this season and by all means praise God the Father and Jesus. But don't get all caught up in what happened two thousand years ago in a manger. Jesus has already done all that. Been there. Done that. You had better be ready – or be getting ready – to go with him when he soon returns.

## **A CHRISTMAS GIFT!**

Two years ago God gave me a wonderful gift – one of those little moments that are a message and gift from God, that say, “see, I even know your little likes and dislikes, I know all about you.” It was so startling and special that I sent out a report to all on our newsletter list. This season it can be read by going to the Articles Spotlight section on the home page of the ministry web site and clicking on “A Christmas Story”. Don't miss this! (I'm also sending it by email to all who have given us their email. If you have an email address and have not let us know it, please send it to us.). If you do not have contact with the Internet, let us know and we will mail you a copy.

## **Have a Very Merry Christmas!**

*John and Cathy*

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