

“Celebrating Christ”

Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10

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What do we, or what should we celebrate, when we celebrate Christmas?

We are celebrating the birth of Christ into our world.

In Matthew 1 when the angel is speaking to Joseph we read –

**<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. <sup>20</sup> But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”**

**<sup>22</sup> So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: <sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”**

**<sup>24</sup> Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, <sup>25</sup> and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS. Matthew 1:18–25 (NKJV)**

Two Names are explained –

**<sup>21</sup> And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21** *Jesus is His Name as our Savior from sin!*

***... and they shall call His name Immanuel,***” which is translated, **“God with us.” Matthew 1:23** *Immanuel means God with us!*

His title, “the Christ” “the Messiah” is only stated, not explained -

**<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows... Matthew 1:18 A**

*Christ is the important part of Christmas, a sort of nickname for Jesus’ birthday!  
Yet, we do not call it Jesus-mas!*

*Let us today study this title “Christ” it is not Jesus’ last name it is a title, just like “king” is a title, so Christ is a title! In fact, in Old Testament Israel kings were also christ, messiahs lowercase.*

*Priests were messiahs and Prophets were messiahs also! There were three anointed offices in Israel prophet, priest and king!*

*Men who had these offices were anointed with oil when they took office. However the oil was symbolic of the anointing with the Holy Spirit, which God gave them.*

*The Holy Spirit enabled them to carry out these important offices in a way that honored and glorified God!*

*The passages of Scripture I started with help us understand better, not only these offices and their purpose, but God purpose for us!*

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I. *We were created in God's image to live for His glory –*

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:26–28 (NKJV)

1. *According to Genesis 1, we as human beings were:*

A. *Created by God, the infinite, eternal Being Who created everything!*

B. *We were created in God's image, to have dominion –*

**... over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.**

C. *We were blessed (favored) and told to be -* **"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."** Genesis 1:26–28 (NKJV)

2. *When we understand God is a Spirit, we know God does not have a visible, physical image –*

**<sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."** John 4:24 (NKJV)

3. *We were created in God's image in:*

A. *Knowledge -* **Colossians 3:10** *obviously above the animals, my cat cannot read a book, use a computer ...*

B. *Righteousness -* **Ephesians 4:24** *animals do not have a conscience; they do not write or keep laws...*

C. *Holiness -* **Ephesians 4:24** *separation to God, devotion*

This is the Chief End of Man which our Catechism speaks of –

**Question 1** What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, (1 Corinthians 10:31) and to enjoy him for ever. (Psalm 73:25–26)

*Being created in His image we are fit for this task, it is what we were made for!*

*Just like a lamp was created to give light, so we are created to glorify God, here also is where we find LIFE and JOY, fulfillment!*

*II. We were created in God's image, but sin has distorted that image –*

**<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. <sup>24</sup> Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. Romans 1:20–25 (NKJV)**

*1. That there is a God, a divine Designer is obvious clearly seen...*

*2. Knew God but were not thankful, changed the image of God*

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*God's Truth vs the LIE*

**10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10 (NKJV)**

*The truth is that we as human beings are created by God for His glory we were and are designed for His purpose and to enjoy a relationship with Him.*

*The lie today is there is no God, no Heaven, no Hell, no glory, no meaning we are accidents whose ancestors are ape like creatures, the evidence, we have monkey DNA –*

Monkey DNA

(Sing to the tune of Y.M.C.A. by the Village People)

Young man, you're just hanging around. I said, young man, your arms touch the ground.

I said, young man, you make an eek, eek sound You scream when you're unhappy.

Young man, there's a place you should go. I said, young man, it's spelled z-o-o!

You can go there, and I'm sure you will find Many of your own kind!

It's fun to have Monkey DNA. It's fun to have Monkey DNA. You can swing from the trees, you can do it with ease ... You can do whatever you please!

It's fun to have Monkey DNA. It's fun to have Monkey DNA.

You can pick your nose clean, you can have a good meal, beware you don't slip on the peel ...

Young man, are you listening to me? I said, young man, what do you want to be? I said, young man, you can forget all your dreams. But you've got to know this one thing!

No man is much more than a slug. I said, young man, you're just an evolved bug,

Richard Dawkins, he told me it's true What a primate bummer for you!

But It's fun to have Monkey DNA. It's fun to have Monkey DNA. You can swing from the trees, You can do it with ease ... You can do whatever you please

It's fun to have Monkey DNA. It's fun to have Monkey DNA. You can pick your nose clean, you can have a good meal, beware you don't slip on the peel ...

It's fun to have Monkey DNA. It's fun to have Monkey DNA.

Arnold Brevick

*The reality of the Monkey DNA study or studies is they are a LIE, if we had monkey DNA we would be monkeys ... but we are not, nor are we close ... how do so called scientists get their numbers?*

*Monkey DNA ...&89wslpoKLg@#999f?? They only counted the parts that MATCHED*

*Human DNA ...pOlk89++lk9912345 70 Other parts of the DNA code they called junk*

### *III. Jesus as the Christ came to restore us to the Image of God –*

**<sup>25</sup> The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.” John 4:25–26 (NKJV)**

*1. The Messiah, Christ is Prophet, Priest & King all rolled up into One Person –*

**<sup>6</sup> For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of His government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6–7 (NKJV)**

*A. As a Prophet Jesus gives us knowledge of God and of ourselves –*

**<sup>18</sup> No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*. John 1:18 (NKJV)**

*B. As a Priest Jesus offered up the once and for all offering that saves us from sin ...*

**<sup>26</sup> For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; <sup>27</sup> who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. Hebrews 7:26–27 (NKJV)**

*C. As a King Jesus leads us into a committed relationship with God and fights for us against the Devil –*

**<sup>14</sup> These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.” Revelation 17:14 (NKJV)**

**<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. 1 John 2:15–17 (NKJV)**

*An ungodly world embraces the animal, we are not anti-animal, but we are above animals we are CREATED in God’s image and Jesus Christ came to restore us –*  
**Romans 8:28-29**