

“The Word Became Flesh To Dwell and Destroy”

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O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of hell Thy people save;
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel [verse 3] 8th or 9th century Latin Monastic chant

1 John 3:8 *For this purpose the Son of God was revealed, to destroy the works of the evil one.*

John 1:1-5 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Jesus came to destroy all the works of the devil because as it would say in Satan's Bible, for this purpose Satan was revealed to destroy all the works of God.

- **Christmas doesn't happen, it isn't necessary, if Adam & Eve would have kept their mouths shut to the fruit & their hearts closed to the serpent's temptation!**

So How'd We Get Here?

Satan's hatred for God could not be more intense or laser focused. And he hates each one of us God's image bearers. We remind him of what he used to be! Therefore, he desires nothing less than the total destruction of all God has created for His pleasure and glory.

Ezekiel 28:13-17a *“You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty. Your clothing was adorned with every precious stone—I(the Lord) ordained and anointed you as the mighty angelic guardian. You had access to the holy mountain of God and walked among the stones of fire.¹⁵ “You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you. ¹⁶ Your rich commerce led you to violence, and you sinned. So, I banished you in disgrace from the mountain of God. I expelled you, O mighty guardian, from your place among the stones of fire.¹⁷ Your heart was filled with pride because of all your beauty. Your wisdom was corrupted by your love of splendor. So, I threw you to the ground...*

Isaiah 14:12-13 *“How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning!*

Genesis 3:1 (Show on Screen, not in Handout) *Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked.*

The resume of Satan (aka, the devil, the evil one, the deceiver, the accuser, the serpent, the tempter, the enemy, the Dragon, Lucifer, etc.) **John 10:10a** *The thief comes (I, Satan, come) only to steal and kill and destroy...*

The genealogical tree of man runs through Adam, poisoned from the root and now every and all generations are corrupt, dead in their sins, alienated from the life of God.

DARKNESS? What's that?

Darkness before the fall of man was just a matter of night and day until that moment of Adam's buying Satan's lie and rebelling against God. After the fall, darkness was not just a state of the absence of physical light, it was the presence of all consuming spiritual death that would be passed from one generation of humans to the next to this very day.

1 Corinthians 15:22a *For as in Adam all die...*

Romans 5:12... *just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—*

Romans 5:18a *Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men...*

Death (separation from God) to all humanity is not an issue of fairness, it is an issue of inheritance. We inherit from our forefather Adam the death he bequeathed to each of us.

As a result, not one of us is born spiritually alive. God, though our Creator, is not our Father. We are all born of Adam, our progenitor. Therefore, though alive physically, we're all dead spiritually. If a spiritual "23 and Me" could be performed and we could spiritually spit into a spiritual container, we'd be a 100% match with him. Every one of us is a "dead" ringer for our dad, Adam.

DARKNESS: A Place of Dwelling and a State of Being

Genesis 3:23-24 *therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim & a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.*

...and all of us were driven out with him!

And not only driven out of Eden, driven into the abode of the one who would reign over all mankind to do his will, to which we blindly obeyed. We had no choice, nor power, nor will, to do anything else. Prisoners, each one of us, to Satan's, inside and out.

Colossians 1:13 *(our abode was) the dominion of darkness...*

Eph. 4:18-19 *"We were darkened in our understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that was in us, due to our hardness of heart. We were callous and had given ourselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.*

Ephesians 2:1-3 *And you were (before receiving Christ) dead in the trespasses and sins² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

Ephesians 5:8a *for you were once darkness...*

John 8:44 *You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires.*

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a virgin...

Galatians 4:4

Death and Darkness Disrupted and Dismantled

...And eventually, totally destroyed!

Christmas is God coming to take back what is His...in the most peculiar way! Christmas heralds that Jesus has come to us as the Savior of not only the generic world, but of your world, and my world!! This couldn't be more personal!

- *From the cradle to the cross, Jesus did what only He could do. His invasion of darkness and death was the **ONLY WAY** for humanity to be free from Satan's tyranny.*

John 3:17 *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.*

Colossians 1:13-14 *He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

1 Corinthians 1:30 *And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.*

1 Peter 2:24 *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.*

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.*

Satan's infernal plan:

Plan A: *Keep us OUT of Christ and IN Adam.*

Plan B: *Keep us from living the abundant life of Jesus if he's lost us to God*

2 Corinthians 4:4 *In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

Our Battle Station: Standing in Christ's Victory

God's Eternal Plan for those He has called to himself:

Plan A: *To place us into Christ*

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The Devil's works: ONLY stealing, killing and destroying (Jn 10:10a)

John 10:10b *I came that they may have life **and have it abundantly.***

We battle in and with the power of the indwelling Spirit, but we do not battle apart from our own will to choose to obey. (1 Cor. 10:13)

God allows the temptations that we face to give us the opportunity to choose His power to obey Him over the flesh's power to obey the devil!

Philippians 2:12 *...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

1 Peter 5:8-9 ⁸ *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.*

Ephesians 6:12-13 *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 *For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...*

The Bible's definition of Christmas:

God's silent, yet violent, conquering invasion upon Satan's malevolent dominion where Our Lord broke the chains of sin and death to set us free to finally and forever to know Him, love him, worship Him and live with Him!