

### JESUS CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS

The glory of the pre-incarnate Christ is often overlooked at Christmas. The Wonderful Drama of Redemption is beautifully expressed in Galatians 4:4-5. "The appointed time came. Then God sent out his Son on a mission to us. He took birth from a woman, took birth as a subject of the law, and made us sons." (Roman Catholic Ronald Knox Version).

1. Christ came at a predetermined time set by God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, blessed forever.

2. The Son of God left heaven and came to earth. "Christ Jesus came into the World to save sinners." (1 Timothy 1:15) "To give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45).

3. In order to die in man's place as his substitute and representative bearing the just judgment of God against man's sin he must be a sinless member of the human family. (Hebrews 2:17-18; 1 Peter 2:22-24; and 3:18.) He must be both God and man—Emmanuel—"God with us." "The Word was God," and "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." (St. John 1:1-3, 14) He must be of the seed of the woman, but not the seed of the man. (Genesis 3:15) He must be born of a Virgin (Isiah 7:14; and Luke 1:31-37).

4. The sacrifice He made on the Cross of Calvary was acceptable to God as a propitiation for the sins of all who put their trust in Him. He paid the ransom price once and for all. His sacrifice need not, and cannot ever be repeated. "There is no more offering for sin." Any claim to do so is false, and an insult to Christ, and the sacrifice He made on the cross. (Romans 3:23-26; Hebrews 9:11, 12, 24-28; 10: 10, 12, 14, 18; Romans 6:9, 10; Revelation 1:18).

5. He became the Son of Man, that we might become the sons of God. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born... of God." (St. John 1:12, 13).

As the Eternal Son of God he could never have a mother. He was before all his creation. Yet as the Son of Man he did have a mother. God the Holy Spirit in his creative power provided a body, for the Son of God through the Virgin Mary, who became the mother of his humanity.

We do not worship him as Mary's Son, but as the Son of God. Mary had other children through her husband Joseph, after Christ was born, but we do not celebrate their birth, even though two of them were prominent leaders in the Early Church. Note (St. John 7:1-8; Matthew 12:46-50; 13:53-56; Galatians 1:19; and Jude 1).

His was a Supernatural birth, a sinless life, and an atoning death for us. "We have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." "Whoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." "For ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold... But with the precious blood of Christ.

Our sincere wish is that you may fully trust Jesus Christ as your all sufficient Lord and Saviour, and rejoice in the forgiveness of sins through faith in Him, without money and without price, at this Christmas season.

Yours sincerely, S. R. Straight, Montague. You are invited to hear the Word of God each Sunday Evening in the Montague Bible Chapel, at 7:30.



### Where The New Year Is Born

For millions on the eastern seaboard of the United States, this is where it happens. A lighted "ball" falls from the top of a tower—and it's 1966. But in Chicago and Winnipeg it is still 1965. In Saskatoon and Denver it is 1965. In Frisco and Vancouver it is 1965. So where in this broad continent is the New Year really born? When it is born at all—it happens in men's own hearts! Otherwise the Old Year goes on. And older years add not their blessings but their dregs... as men grope for shreds of time to complete old patterns... remnants of hope to patch worn-out dreams. But somewhere a heart speaks to God. In the quiet of a churchly sanctuary it recounts the past with its failures, its defeats. And boldly it enquires into the future with its hope and promise. That soul commits time and talent and treasure to the purposes of Jesus Christ. And the Father of All, who is not clock-watcher but soul-watcher, turns the page of that calendar. For one soul at a time the New Year is born.

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### CHRISTIAN FAITH

## Nature, Importance Of Belief

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If we are ever going to understand the Christian faith and be aware of the many ways in which it can be applied to daily living, we need to determine the nature and importance of belief, for what we believe makes a great difference in our lives.

Granted there are people who profess little regard for Biblical doctrine but are completely committed to the way of life set forth in the Bible: believing in honesty, decency and, above all, charity for their fellowman. Likewise, there are those who give theoretical assent to every Biblical teaching and all Church creeds, but are in no sense Christians, for there their Christianity ends.

Belief is an important factor in the Christian religion, for Christianity is an historical religion. Its teachings come down to us in accounts of the actions of individuals and the history of nations. The people who wrote the Bible, namely the Hebrews (and later called Jews), have had an experience with God that no other people have had. Through their history, their lives and actions of their kings and leaders—God has revealed a mighty system of teachings. Into their midst, as culmination of all their marvelous history, came Jesus of Nazareth whom Christians believe in as Lord, King and Savior, the divine and only Son of God, whose teachings support and explain the way of life which he set forth.

The passage from the 8th chapter of Matthew tells how a believing Roman centurion sought out Jesus to ask a favor—the healing of his paralytic servant—and he received it. In the 11th chapter of Hebrews we find faith defined as "a

fearing Gentle," one who had read and pondered the teachings of the prophets and acknowledged the God of the Jews as the only true and living God. This humble man believed in Jesus as the divine Son of that God, One invested with authority and power to perform wonders.

Faced with the humility and belief of the centurion, Jesus did not hesitate. The probably unbelieving servant of the non-Jewish captain was healed in the self-same hour, and Jesus was given an opportunity to say a word about His church and compare the centurion's humility, belief, reverence for Him and faith in His authority with the disbelief and arrogance of some Jewish leaders.

This same faith and belief was again present the night an earthquake shook the Philippian jail where Paul and Barnabas were imprisoned. Thinking the prisoners, for whom he alone was responsible, had fled as soon as they were freed from their fetters, the jailer was about to commit suicide. Paul's voice, as surging through them, stopped the jailer and he came to them and begged to be saved. Paul and Barnabas spoke him the Word of God and His divine Son, and the jailer was immediately converted, his sins washed away and his heart filled with faith and love for God and his fellowman.

These two instances show the importance of belief. But faith, though it involves belief, is more than belief. Faith is belief in operation; faith is belief in action. Faith is the spiritual power through which we work with God in the achievement of miraculous results. Jesus was able to heal the centurion's servant because of the centurion's faith. Paul and Barnabas were able to convert the Philippian jailer—a most unlikely prospect for conversion—because of the jailer's fear-induced readiness to believe.

In the 11th chapter of Hebrews we find faith defined as "a substance of things hoped for, as evidence of things not seen." As an example, the unknown author of Hebrews relates faith to the human conception of the Creation, in which we believe that the visible world was created by God out of things we cannot see and do not understand. By pointing out the manifestations of faith in the lives of several Old Testament characters who exhibited great faith, the author shows that they, too, believed utterly in the things they hoped for, but could not see.

Without faith it is impossible to please God. And those who would come to God must first believe that He is, and have faith that He rewards those who seek Him diligently and walk in His ways. This is the justification of our faith; but the evidence of its reality shows in our devotion to life and wholehearted service to God through our fellowman.

Today the stage is set for the decisive support of the churches in the drive towards raising the level of annual Scripture circulation, it being clear that behind statistics stand men and women, and not books alone," says Dr. Oliver Begun, General Secretary of the United Bible Societies.

Daily Bible Readings: Sunday, Jan. 2: Luke 3: 1-22. Monday, Jan. 3: Luke 4: 1-14. Tuesday, Jan. 4: Luke 4: 16-44. Wednesday, Jan. 5: Luke 5: 1-19. Thursday, Jan. 6: Luke 6: 1-19. Friday, Jan. 7: Luke 6, 20-49. Saturday, Jan. 8: Luke 7, 1-35.

### Giant Fish Is Landed

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Two men wrestled a 300-pound swordfish out of the Atlantic Ocean Wednesday with their bare hands and a rope. It took Bob Neunzig and Barney Cipriani 1 1/2 hours to land the giant fish, caught in shallow water. The fight stretched 1 1/2 miles from where they first spotted it to the pier where they finally dragged it ashore. Cipriani figured that the fish had broken loose from a charter fishing boat and drifted too close to shore while recovering from the battle with the rod and reel.

### ST. LOUIS

Clarence Wedge, employed in Halifax, spent the holidays with his family in St. Louis. Gerard Doucet of Montreal is visiting his mother, Mrs. Anthony Doucette in DeBlois. Mr. and Mrs. Alphy Perry and two children of Montreal are spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Left Perry, St. Edwards also with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Keoughin, Tignish. Amongst those who spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Belorie Gaudet were Mr. and Mrs. John Perry and two children, Donna Marie and Richard of Oromocto, N.B. Robert Gaudet of St. Dunstan's University and Dolores Gaudet of Summerside. John M. Perry is a patient in the Western Hospital, Edmonton. Miss Dora Allan of Summerside spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Evangeline Allan in DeBlois. Amongst those spending Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Perry were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Perry of Fredericton, N.B.; Catherine Perry of Montreal and Margueret Ann Perry of Halifax.

### Railway Reports Rise In Income

MONTREAL (CP)—The CNR reported net railway operating income of \$1,204,000 for the month of November compared to a net operating loss of \$801,000 for the corresponding month in 1964. Net railway operating income for the first 11 months of 1965 was \$6,005,000 compared to \$9,115,000 for the corresponding period in 1964. Railway operating revenues for November were \$70,110,000 and expenses were \$68,906,000. Operating revenues for the first 11 months of 1965 were \$751,601,000 and expenses \$745,596,000. The comparable figures for 1964 were \$714,849,000 and \$705,534,000.

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### PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH

13 Christie Drive, Parkdale. Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister. Mr. Leslie Hiscott—Organist and Director of Choir. MORNING: 9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate and Senior Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes. 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP. Sermon: "SOMETIMES IT CAUSES ME TO TREMBLE". SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION. Anthem: "Jesus Bread of Life"—Whitehead. 11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School. EVENING: 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Sermon: "SELF EXAMINATION". SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION. Solo: Mr. Gordon Jensen—Music by Men's Choir. YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US.

### First Baptist Church

Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets. Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister. Mrs. V. L. Dagwell, Organist and Choir Director. 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. 11:00 a.m.—"GOD AT EVERY CORNER". Anthem: "Zion's Daughter" (Trad). 7:00 p.m.—ANNUAL STUDENT RECOGNITION SERVICE. Anthem: "In The Bleak Mid Winter" (Holt). Monday—8:00—Week of Prayer Service. Capt. Ray Nelson, Speaker. A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU.

### Charlottetown Bible Chapel

235 Cumberland St. at Langworth Ave. 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.—James Stahr, B.Sc., M.Th. "The Old Book... the New Birth... the Precious Blood the Blessed Hope."

### BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Birchwood St. near Langworth Ave.) Minister: Rev. W. R. Underhay, B.A. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. VISITORS WARMLY WELCOME.

### CALVARY TEMPLE

PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA. Upper Prince Street. Rev. C. K. Benn, Pastor. TONIGHT, WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE, 10:00. Sound Colour Film, "ANGEL IN EBONY". 9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside Station. 9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL, Missionary Day. 11:00 a.m.—COMMUNION SERVICES. 7:30 p.m.—MISSIONARY RALLY, Sound Colour Film, "SO SHALL THEY HEAR".

### Zion Presbyterian Church

Corner Prince and Gratton Streets. The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister. Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess. Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L.M.M., B.Mus., Organist and Choir Director. 9:45 a.m.—The Church School. Classes for all ages. 10:00 a.m.—Bible Class. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School. 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION. Sermon: PRAYER AND FORGIVENESS. Solo: Hold Thy My Hand—C. S. Briggs. Miss Faye Rogerson. 7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP. Sermon: NEW ROAD AHEAD. Solo: Selected. Miss Barbara MacRae. VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

### St. Peter's Cathedral

Rochford Square. Anglican Church of Canada. Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector. Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D. Honorary Assistant Priest. Miss Suzanne Brenton, L.C. Mus., Organist. Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director. Jan. 2, 1966—The Second Sunday after Christmas. 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist. 8:45 a.m.—Mattins. 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (Infants Class 11 a.m.). 11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon. 7:00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon. Visitors are most cordially welcome at all services.

List of churches and speakers FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES January 3rd to 7th inclusive. January 3rd—Baptist Church... Capt. Ray Nelson. January 4th—The Kirk of St. James... Rev. Henry Tye. January 5th—St. Paul's Anglican... Rev. Donald Powell. January 6th—Trinity... Rev. Louis Elias. January 7th—Zion... Rev. Ewen MacDougall. All services commence at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Charlottetown Ministerial Association.

The Salvation Army. "Home of Evangelism Since 1858". Great George Street. Capt. Ray Nelson. Friday, Dec. 31: Watchnight Service 11:00 p.m. Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m. Sunday School—10 a.m. Holiness Meeting—11 a.m. Salvation Meeting—7 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home League (Public meeting). Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting. A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY.

Central Christian Church. 219 Kent Street. 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper. Sermon: "BASIC NEEDS FOR FUTURE BLESSINGS". Ladies' Next: "While Watching O'er Their Flocks By Night". 7:00 p.m.—EVENING SERVICE. Sermon: "OUT OF THE DEPTHS". Solo: "Rise Up, Shepherds and Follow". By Shirley Graham. Minister: Mr. W. O. Weale. Organist: Mrs. Helen MacRae, A.R.C.M. WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL.

Sherwood Christian Bible School. A Sunday School for all ages. OPENING SUNDAY JANUARY 2nd, 1966. Classes each Sunday 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Sherwood Elementary School. A cordial invitation is extended to all residents of Sherwood and vicinity. A Special Project of Central Christian Church.

The Kirk of St. James. Minister: The Rev. Malcolm A. McCuaig, B.A., B.D. Director of Music: Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B. Mus., ARCCO. SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 1966. 11:00 A.M. Sermon: "POLISHING TARNISHED LAMPS". Anthem: "Ding Dong! Merrily On High"—d'Arbuer. "Lead Me, Lord"—Wesley. 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery. 11:30 a.m.—Children's Corner. You Are Invited To Worship With Us.

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH. Kirkwood Drive. Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis. Organist: Mrs. J. B. Herdman, L.R.A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate, Senior Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary Classes. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Sermon: "LET'S MAKE A FRESH START". Anthems: Junior Choir—"Winds Through The Olive Trees"—Trad. "The Shining Stars"—Marie Foster. Solo: "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee"—Thalman. Soloist: Mr. Wendell Grant. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Sermon: "HOW WILL EVERYTHING WORK OUT?". Anthem: "Jesus Christ Is Born Today"—Westra. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at both services. You Are Welcome To Worship With Us.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH. Charlottetown, P.E.I. Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A. Rev. Gerald G. Wywras, B.A., B.D. Organist: Mr. J. B. Herdman. CHURCH SCHOOL— 9:45 a.m.—Junior—Upper Hall. 9:45 a.m.—Intermediate—Auditorium. 9:45 a.m.—School—Heaps Memorial Hall. 11:00 a.m.—Crib Room and Toddlers (Infants) up to two years. 11:00 a.m.—Primary in Sanctuary. 11:00 a.m.—Kindergarten (3-5)—Auditorium. 11:00 a.m.—"A GOOD RESOLUTION". Rev. John G. E. Ball. Anthem: "Rejoice In The Lord Always"—Purcell. Solo: "Come Unto Him" (Messiah)—Mrs. David Cox. 7:00 p.m.—"FORGETTING AND REACHING". Rev. Gerald G. Wywras. Anthem: "O Come Ye Servants Of The Lord"—Tye. "You Are Welcome to Worship With Us".

St. Paul's Anglican Church. Established 1769 by Royal Foundation. The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector. Organist and Choir Director: George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS—January 2, 1966. 8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION. 9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Junior, Senior and Bible Classes. 11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Crib Nursery, Beginners and Primary Classes. 11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON. Anthem: "In Thee Is Gladness". J. S. Bach. Subject: "WHEREVER I GO, THANK GOD" (A New Year's Message). 7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON. Subject: "I NOTHING LACK IF I AM HIS AND HE IS MINE FOREVER". (Part VI—Sermon from the "Psalms"). YOU ARE CORDIALLY WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES.