

THE GOOD NEWS - What is impossible with man, possible with God!

It is wonderful that you are celebrating Christmas and other joyful meetings with nice food and delicacies, songs, music and joyful shouts. Not only you, but all over and around the world in its four directions; the celebration for that great event –the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, is going on. It is called Christmas. It happened around 2000 years ago that a baby was born for you and for me, and to the whole world where everybody was waiting for a deliverer.

1. ***Who were waiting?*** Many people were waiting for the coming Messiah because the prophets in the Old Testament prophesied about Him and His coming to the world. In 700 B.C., Prophet Isaiah wrote: ***“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son, and will call Him Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)***
2. ***Whom they were waiting?*** The virgin conceived and bore a child by The Holy Spirit. The child’s name was Immanuel that means ***“God with us.”*** God came in human flesh, born of the Virgin Mary. She gave birth to her first born and named Him Jesus that means ***“the Lord saves.”*** This is what the angel announced at the night of Jesus’ birth: ***“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.’ (Luke 2: 10-11)***
3. ***Why they were waiting?*** The people were waiting for a Savior to save them and deliver them from sins and their oppressors. ***“But who can forgive sins but God alone?”*** So Jesus bore the people sins on the cross and He paid the penalty, which is death. He freed the people from the bondage of sin and death and Satan. ***“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.” (I Corinthians 15:3)***
4. ***Who came to us?*** Jesus was born by a virgin and that was the Christmas event as many are yearly celebrating. Although Jesus lived an ordinary life as a man for more than thirty years. He served the people as God by many miracles and powerful teachings. Until He died on the cross and was buried, but as well He rose from the dead on the third day. God who is Holy accepted to come and lived with sinners. God who created the heaven and the earth accepted to be a child born in the barn of cattle and sheep. God who owned everything accepted to become poor and shared with humanity; so that people could see Him, and experience His great love and compassion. Through Jesus people can receive the gift of eternal life. All the above are impossible things. But with God all things are possible. ***“Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His***

name, He gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12) This is another impossible matter. Man would not only be a forgiven sinner, but as brought back from death to life, become a child of God through the Lord Jesus.

“What is impossible with man is possible with God.” This is the true essence of Christmas to the whole world. What is impossible to imagine, to do and to receive becomes possible with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. When the disciples were so amazed at the Lord’s teaching and they asked, ***“Who then can be saved?”*** The Lord Jesus Christ declared as mentioned by three Gospel writers: ***“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26) “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things possible with God.” (Mark 10:27) “What is impossible with men is possible with God.” (Luke 18:27)***

The true reality of Christmas comes when you believe in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Jesus had taken away your sins when He died on the cross. When you accept Him as the only Lord of your life and the only Savior of your soul, at that moment you will receive assurance that you are a child of God, and you are going to live with Him all through eternity. Your life will be changed and your mind will be renewed. All the impossible in the past will become possible to you today, as Jesus promised: ***“Everything is possible for Him who believes.” (Mark 9:23)***

Arvin, is a married man and a father of two kids. He used to smoke and drink alcohol heavily for the last twenty-five years. He was also with a bad temper and a quarrel some attitude. One occasion, during a worship service he whole-heartedly received Jesus as his personal Saviour and Lord. On that same night he decided to give up drinking and smoking. Indeed that was impossible for him. To every man who used to drink and smoke heavily it is impossible matter to control and to abstain from these two harmful addictive habits. But with Jesus it becomes possible. For Arvin, as he believed in Jesus, that became the impact of Christmas in his life. His life was changed from suffering under the effect of sin to a righteousness way of life that God living among them. He and his wife shared equally the responsibility of the family and caring for their children. It was impossible for the wife to see her husband away from the bottle of alcohol, away from the packet of the cigarette and away from the bad friends. But with God it is very possible Arvin became gentle, loving and considerate, and he started spending good time with his family. Not only that but the whole family decided to serve God for the rest of their lives.

My dear and beloved: My prayer and wish for you in this Christmas is this: ***“May the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ bring the impossible in your life to become a true possibility and reality. May you have the real peace and the joy of the Lord as you pray.” Thank You Lord Jesus, for Your coming to save me. Thank You for You have made all things possible. Increase my faith in You, Lord and help me weaknesses. Strengthen me to follow You and to do Your will all the days of my life. This is my prayer in Jesus’ name.” Amen.***