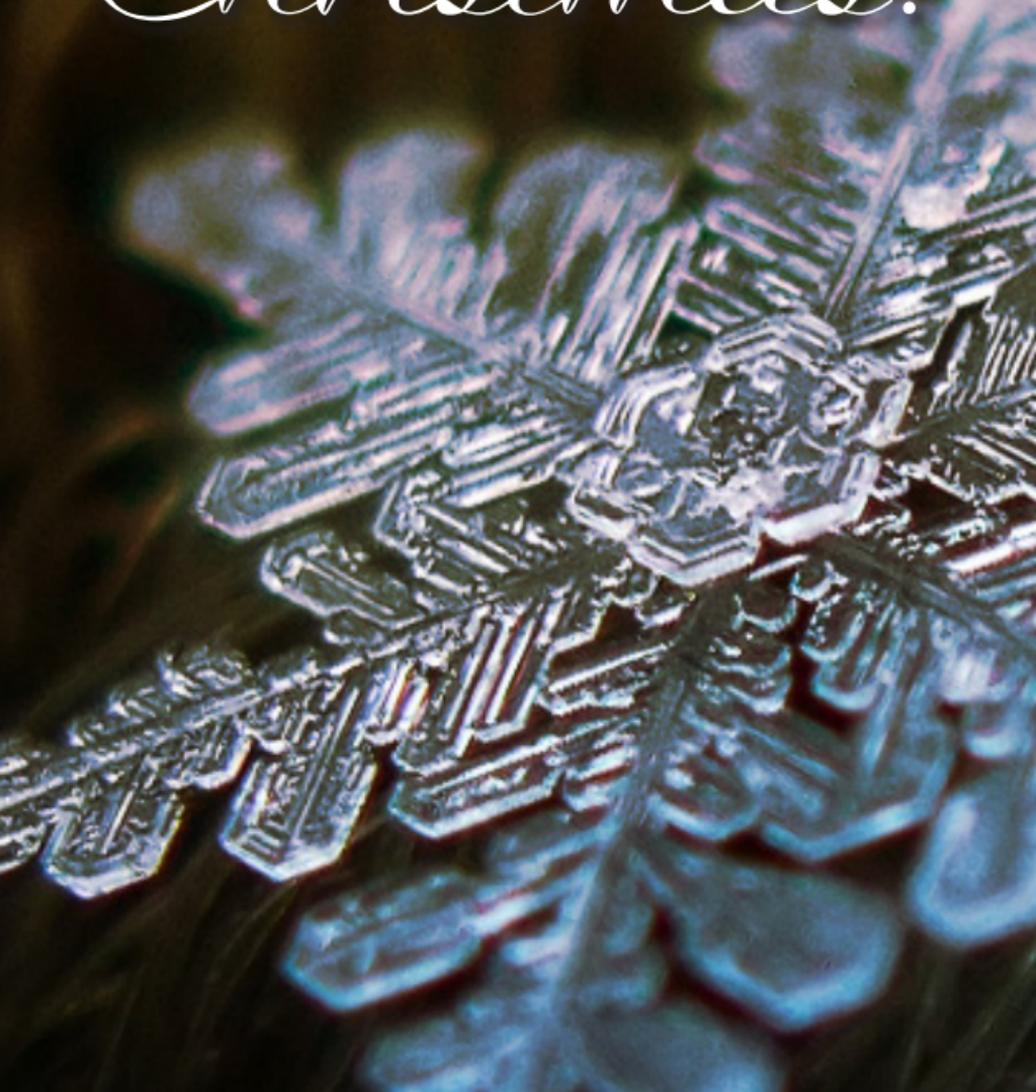


*What if
there's no
Christmas?*



What! No public holiday?

O well, life still goes on...

Yes, life still goes on. But what kind of life are we talking about? Is it a life of endless study and work, which is weariness of the flesh? Is it a life of endless pursuit of material comforts and at the end of the day we ask, "What does it profit a man if he should gain the whole world?" Is it a life of thrills and fun which ends in emptiness as you make your way home after all the revelry? Is it a life marked by sorrow in broken relationships between friends and family members? Is it a life embittered by unfair treatments? Is it a life wasted away by aimless wandering and pursuits as we see so common in the young and restless? Is it a life frustrated by a lack of control where sin constantly rules over us? Is it a life weakened by sickness and old age, with the fear of death haunting us? Yes. This is the sad state of man since Adam, the first man, fell into sin in the Garden of Eden. Because of the fall of Adam, man came under the wrath and curse of God, our Creator and Judge.

Does God really exist?

Let me ask a rhetorical question. "Could the stars in the sky, and the Earth which hangs on nothing, with its life supporting atmosphere, come about

by accident?” Could a Boeing aircraft come into existence after a tornado of cosmic proportions hits the earth?

The Bible says, *“For the invisible things of Him (God) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse”* (Romans 1:20).

God also tells us that, *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23); *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us”* (1 John 1:8).

SIN leads to DEATH

“For the wages of SIN is DEATH” (Romans 6:23).

This *‘DEATH’* means both physical and spiritual death, being cast into the Lake of Fire, eternally separated from God. What must I do to be saved? The Answer lies in Christmas!

Christmas commemorates the day God sent His only begotten Son into this world to save man from sin and misery. He is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Only God can save. All man’s efforts to do right in order to escape from Hell is futile. For God has already pronounced, *“all*

our righteousnesses are as filthy rags” (Isaiah 64:6). Judicially, a convicted murderer sentenced to death cannot escape death though he may try to do good in prison. Likewise, when there is sin, God’s justice demands punishment!

Jesus Christ took our punishment in our stead. He became a man through the virgin birth in order that He might die for man. He bore the complete wrath of God against sin on our behalf. He died for sinners such as you and me. God raised Him from the dead on the third day to show that God had accepted what Jesus did on our behalf. *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Romans 10:9).*

“Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts” (Hebrews 3:15)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

This is the real meaning of Christmas!

God loves you and wants to save you from your

sins now. Would you accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour and pray this prayer from your heart?

“O God my heavenly Father, I acknowledge that I am a sinner. If I die in my sins, I know that I will be in Hell. I cannot save myself. Save me God! Thank you for sending Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die for my sins. I believe that You raised Jesus Christ from the dead on the third day for my justification and forgiveness of all my sins. I repent and ask Him to come into my heart and be my Lord and my Saviour. Thank You, O God! In Jesus’ Name I give thanks and pray. Amen”

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