

WHY NOT ... NOW ?

We sometimes sing a song, in which the words “Why Not Come To Jesus Now?” are found, and that fits the point I wish to make with this article.

Why not use the fact, that many in the world are thinking about the birth of Christ at this time of year, to teach the truth about what His birth, life and death meant and means for the world.

It is a sad fact that so many in our world are so steeped in the false teaching surrounding His birth, and even His death, that it causes many of us, who know better, and are concerned with Bible truth in all areas, to become so disappointed and frustrated that we may become angry, arrogant, and even hateful in our efforts to relieve the world of its ignorance in Bible teaching. By displaying such an attitude we all but destroy any chance we may have had to teach others the truth. They will often turn away from us, as if we were the → unlearned ones, and need to be ignored and avoided.

The birth of Christ was a glorious happening that brought the wonderful blessings of God to mankind. The Bible gives us details about its occurrence (Luke 2:1-7), (but, not the date, or instructions for celebrating it). We should all be thankful to God for His great love for us as revealed by sending His only begotten Son into the world. We should be of the mind to celebrate our gratitude and happiness for the birth of Christ every day of the year.

This brings us to another great fact. It is the possibility of our own spiritual birth because of the **death of Christ**. Jesus told Nicodemus, “... unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” (John 3:5 NASB) Paul wrote, “...do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (Rom. 6:3-4 NASB) Peter wrote, Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, ²like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so

that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, ³if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. (1 Peter 2:1-3 NASB) One can experience this new birth and begin this subsequent, glorious, newness of life walk any time of the year.

God wants His people to communicate this to others, and tell of the joys and blessings of being baptized into the death of Christ. Why not attempt to teach that message now, while many have their minds on Christ. To gain a good hearing we must manifest this joy and show thankfulness for these blessings. It must always be done as of one who has tasted (experienced) the kindness of the Lord. We must put aside all bitterness and bickering. Indeed, **Why Not Now?**

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